

Connection Group Participant Guide

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Zechariah 4

Introduction

In last week's lesson, we saw how Zechariah's fourth vision (chapter 3) encouraged Joshua the high priest with the message: "God will cleanse His chosen people through the Messiah and use them to serve Him." His fifth vision (chapter 4) which we will look at today, encouraged Zerubbabel, the civic leader, with the message: "The temple that you have begun will be completed and My people and will become a light unto the nations under the Messiah. This will not be accomplished by human effort, but by My Spirit." In the fourth vision last week, we saw the cleansing that is necessary before anyone can serve God. In the fifth vision this week, we see the testimony that results from a cleansed and Spirit-filled life. While our text will ultimately be fulfilled with Israel in the Millennium, it also applied to God's people in Zechariah's day, and it applies to us as we seek to be God's light to the nations.

Highlight

What question did Zechariah ask of the angel (Zech. 4:4)? What was the angel's answer (Zech. 4:6)? What promise is made concerning Zerubbabel and the temple (Zech. 4:9)?

Explain

Compare God's word to Zerubbabel through Zechariah in Zechariah 4:7 and Jesus' word to His disciples in Matthew 17:20. What did God do to Zerubbabel and Jesus to His disciples mean by a mountain? How does Zerubbabel's success in moving the mountain help you understand the meaning of what Jesus told His disciples?

Apply

If God wants us to do something in obedience to Him and we know that we do not have the resources to do what He wants us to do, what verse from Zechariah can encourage us to begin obeying God with what we have? How is the Spirit of God sustaining and empowering you today?

Respond in Prayer

Read through Acts 2:1-13 and listen with your heart to what it has to say. We recommend praying through this text on your own at home and together with your Connection Group.

