

Ezra — Worksheet 2: Answer Key

Ezra's Prayer of Confession — marking guide

Use this to mark your own worksheet. For reflection questions, there is no single right answer — check that your response genuinely engages with the passage.

1. In what physical posture does Ezra pray in Ezra 9:5?

On his knees, with hands spread out to the LORD.

2. What does Ezra confess on behalf of the whole people in Ezra 9:6?

That their iniquities have risen higher than their heads, and their guilt has grown up to the heavens.

3. What does Ezra acknowledge about God's response to their history of sin, according to Ezra 9:8-9?

That God has shown grace, leaving a remnant, giving them a measure of revival and protection despite their unfaithfulness.

4. Why do you think Ezra prays this prayer of communal confession rather than only focusing on his own personal righteousness?

Accept answers about leaders identifying with and interceding for their whole community, not standing apart from it.

5. Reflection: Is there a situation where you've felt responsible to pray or care for a wider group, not just yourself?

Open, personal reflection.