

## A Particular People (Ezra 2)

Who am I?

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Who are we?

*We are our history*

*"I can only answer the question: "What am I to do?" if I can answer the prior question, "Of what story or stories do I find myself a part?" (Alasdair MacIntyre)*

Identity markers

Problem: removed! (2:1)

Who are we? What's our story?

Ezra 2 is going to answer that question

### **1. A people of promise**

A big jumble?

Meaning to the mess

v.3-35: Connect these people to...

Verse 2: Names of the...

11+1

Zerubbabel & Joshua

So this list connects these people to...

*The people of promise (Eph. 3:6, 1 Peter 2:9-10; Hebrews 12:22)*

### **2. A people of passion**

The priests

The Levites

The people whom Ezra 2 zooms in upon

How they gave (v.68-69)

### **3. A people of purity**

Losing your important documents

The point

*\*A people of the gospel*