# Hope for the Discouraged PASTOR ZAC HESS · ZECHARIAH

# RETURN TO ME

#### **WARM UP**

What was the highlight of your Summer?

### **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY**

There are many ways to serve at Grace! Volunteer with kids, students, hospitality, music, and more. See a full list of ways you can get involved at **GracePolaris.org/Serve**.

## **COMING UP**

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

Women's Bible Study 9:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. • Thursdays, September 5– November 7 • MC • All women are invited to join us for the study *Remember Your Joy*. We will explore several Old Testament stories examining how they point to Jesus' salvation and how we can remember our joy as we embrace Him as our ultimate Messiah. To request a specific group or friend, register by Sunday, September 1 at GracePolaris.org/WBS or text WBS to 614-888-7733.

Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. • Wednesdays, September 4–November 20 • MC 8–9 • All men are invited to join Pastor Zac and Pastoral Resident Wes in exploring the book of Ecclesiastes. Together we'll learn how to study the Bible, grasp key biblical concepts, and grow in our love for God. The cost is just \$5 and includes a journaling Bible. Register at GracePolaris.org/MBS.

#### WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus or are seeking to share the Gospel with?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

#### **EXPLORE**

- 1 What resonated with you and/or encouraged you from the sermon on Zechariah?
- 2 What does it mean that God dwells with us? What are the results of God's dwelling with us?
- 3 Why is it so important we recognize that the blessings of the Lord's future return are available to us now, although not in their fullest sense?
- 4 Read Zechariah 8:8 and Revelation 21:3,4. How do these passages correspond to each other and in what ways do we experience their promises now?
- 5 Read Zechariah 8:13. How can we as Christians be a blessing to a culture who sometimes curses us?
- 6 How do you sense the Lord leading you to apply the teaching of this book?

# **PRAY**

Pray that the Lord would instill in you the hope of your future as a believer and that He would cause that hope to fuel the way you live.

