

## Returnees from Exile in Babylon - 1 Chronicles 9:2-44

*Topics:* Church, Idolatry, Security, Service, Unfaithfulness, Worship

### Open It

1. What are the major challenges for a family when they move?
- \* 2. What jobs or occupations are commonly despised or avoided by most people?
3. What do people substitute in their life for God?

### Explore It

4. To where were the people of Judah taken captive? (9:1)
5. Why were the people of Judah taken into captivity? (9:1)
6. What period of Jewish history does this passage describe? (9:1-2)
7. When the people of Judah returned from captivity, who were among the first to resettle on their own property? (9:2)
8. Who had initiated the job of the gatekeepers? (9:22-23)
- \* 9. What was the main job of the gatekeepers? (9:22-27)
10. What did the gatekeepers guard? (9:26)
- \* 11. What additional duties did the gatekeepers have? (9:28-33)
- \* 12. Why were some of the temple workers exempt from certain duties? (9:33)
13. Who administered the temple in Jerusalem? (9:34)
14. What does this passage tell us about Saul? (9:35-44)

### Get It

15. What are the consequences of worshiping idols or material things other than the true living God?
16. In what ways do you think our society has succeeded or failed to honor and obey God?
17. In what way do children sometimes suffer consequences for their parents' sin?
- \* 18. What are some of the most important and least important jobs in the church?
19. What can we do to recognize the importance of all jobs in the church and honor all workers regardless of their position?
20. What qualities should a worker in the church have?
- \* 21. What job in the church has God prepared you to do?
22. What must a person do to be known as reliable, honest, and trustworthy?
23. How do you think our commitment to worshiping God today compares to the commitment of the Israelites?
24. What makes a worship service more than just attending another church meeting?
25. In what ways can we make our worship of God more meaningful?

### Apply It

26. In what area of your life do you want to be more faithful than you have been?
- \* 27. In what way can you offer your skills in service to the church this week?
28. What can you do to prepare yourself for the corporate worship service of your church this coming week?