

Study Questions
August 20, 2017
Numinous
Ezra 1: 1-4

1. Do you have plans to see the solar eclipse? Have you seen it before?
2. Why do you think so many people are willing to go to such efforts for a two-minute event?
3. In what ways might Christians find similar problems to Samuel Williams' missed opportunity? What are some moments where the collision of light and darkness leave us confounded?
4. As you consider the Israelites' freedom from exile, what do you think they might have thought about their deliverer being King Cyrus?
5. What do you make of the language of King Cyrus as the anointed one and the shepherd of God's people in Isaiah 45?
6. Can you think of any historical figures that might qualify as a King Cyrus type of deliverer?
7. What do you make of the idea of the "hidden God" in Isaiah 45?
8. Why might God delight in concealing his efforts and goals from our eyes?
9. How might you grow in your ability to see light in dark places? How might you train yourself to search for the hidden God?
10. What are some personal experiences that you might think of as spiritual Bailey's beads?