

Week 3 Rise and Rebuild: Side by Side

As you read through Nehemiah, we invite you begin the week with the Psalm. Read it and pray through it. Praying Scripture gives shape and meaning to our prayers. It enables us to get God's word in us and transform us. Each day, pray the Psalm alongside the Nehemiah reading for the day.

Scriptures:

Day 11 Psalm 62

Day 12 Nehemiah 4:1-6

Day 13 Nehemiah 4:7-15

Day 14 Nehemiah 4:16-23

Day 15 Nehemiah 4:1-23

Sermon Discussion Questions: Nehemiah 2:17-3:12, 22-32

- How does acknowledging or not acknowledging God's good hand impact people's willingness and commitment to "rise up and build"?
- How does a diversity of perspective and skill contribute to the building and rebuilding process?
- In what ways does "ownership" change the way we perceive and invest in God's work in the world?
- *"In building together, they were being built together."* What does this mean? How does building together contribute to being built?
- In what ways might God be calling you, us, Trinity to "rise up and build"?
- What kinds of new building might God want to do based on the historical foundations of Trinity Church?
- What is the impact of our refusal or others who refuse to "rise up and rebuild"?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- What prevents you from joining the ranks of those "rising and rebuilding"?
- In what ways do you see or not see yourself as an "owner" in rebuilding and restoring? How do you see your role and position on the wall? What contributes to the way you see yourself as an "owner"?
- Of what part of God's world, Kingdom do you consider yourself an owner? How did you come to that conclusion?
- How might God be inviting you to do some repairing, caring, and rebuilding in your neighborhood, school district, community, family? What are the repairs that need to be done?
- With whom might God be calling you to stand "side by side"? For what purpose, for what reparation?

Rise and Rebuild

- Consider what you might do this week to "rise and rebuild". What is God saying? What is He inviting you to? Choose one thing you can do to rebuild and repair this week and do it!
- Write a note of encouragement to someone you see who has risen and is rebuilding. Be specific, tell them what you see and how they are doing their part.
- Pray daily that each one (including yourself) who calls Trinity home would see their ownership and work as critical to the rebuilding that God is inviting us to. Ask the Holy Spirit to move and work in the hearts and lives of each one.