

Week 2 Rise and Rebuild: God will Provide!

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 6 Psalm 85

Day 7 Nehemiah 3:1-17

Day 8 Nehemiah 3:18-24

Day 9 Nehemiah 3:25-32

Day 10 Nehemiah 3:1-32

Sermon Discussion Questions: Nehemiah 2:1-10

- Nehemiah was vulnerable and honest when he showed the King his sadness. What might the benefits be of a vulnerable and honest posture in a season of prayer, preparation, and planning?
- Nehemiah's constant and ongoing response was prayer. How might a posture of prayer impact the "city", the circumstances, and situations around us? What might the possibilities be?
- As you observe yourself and those around, which tendency or bent is more apparent, faith in God's provision or planning, organization, and hard work? What evidence leads to this observation? What steps could be taken to implement a more balanced approach?
- What might it look like to trust God's provision AND take personal responsibility for the things and ways in which God is inviting a rebuilding?
- In what ways do we see and give witness to the faithfulness of God's people in our context and in this current season?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- In what ways and places is God inviting you to trust that He will provide? What threatens your trust in His provision?
- Have you asked for what you needed? What empowers or prevents you from asking for what you need, whether from someone or from the Lord?
- How is God calling you to do the hard and prayerful work of making plans and preparations in your own life right now?
- Where do you see God's preparation of your heart and character during this season of life? Where do you see Him at work?
- In what way/s are you naming and acknowledging "the good of God" (Nehemiah 2:8) upon your life and work? What causes you to forget or fail to acknowledge the Lord's good hand?

Rise and Rebuild

- Maybe God has called you to something. This might be a season of planning and preparation. Maybe you have been procrastinating. If so, do the thing this week! Take one step toward the call in the process of planning, organizing and preparation. Set aside a few hours of time to make progress. and physically do the next thing.
- Each day this week acknowledge "the good hand of God" (Nehemiah 2:8) upon you by practicing gratitude. Name and thank God for five ways His good hand has been upon you each day.
- Practice a constant posture of prayer with the Lord this week or as 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, "pray without ceasing". Be present and see how the Lord responds and answers. Remember and document what you hear and experience. What is the Lord doing? How are you seeing Him move?