

Building What Lasts

A SERIES IN NEHEMIAH



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NORTHSHORE'S COMPELLING STATEMENT

Hope changes everything.

ICE BREAKER

Share about a time that you felt immense gratitude for something and made it a point to convey that to the person(s) that helped make that happen.

BACKGROUND

After 52 days of construction, the wall of Jerusalem was completed in 445 B.C. The wall provided physical security, restored national dignity, and marked the full communal recovery of the Jewish post-exilic identity.

It's only natural that Nehemiah Chapter 9 ends up being the longest prayer in the Bible, focusing on joy, confession, and a retrospective account of God's faithfulness and human unfaithfulness. So much so that the leaders, Levites, and priests put their names to a written covenant of commitment to honor God through and in their lives.

In Chapter 10, it is with the signatures of Nehemiah the governor, priests, Levites, and community leaders officially seal the document of their commitment.

And with their words, Chapter 11 shows their actions by how they decided to resettle Jerusalem, in representing the Jewish population in Jerusalem.

It is with Chapter 12 that everyone that settles there has a role and responsibility along with how the Temple will be supported.

Nehemiah concludes with a list of reforms that support the future of the Jewish people in Jerusalem, Chapter 13.

REVIEW

What was meaningful from the above context or the sermon from last Sunday?



KEY VERSES: Nehemiah 9:19

Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness. By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take.

READ: Nehemiah 9-13



HEAD LEVEL: *What does it say? These help us to examine what the Word tells us.*

1. How did the Jewish people demonstrate their feeling of remorse (Nehemiah 9:1-3)?
2. How does Nehemiah 9:22-37 show the cycle of rebellion and mercy?
3. What were the terms of the pledge in Nehemiah 10:28-39?
4. How did they organize the Temple Support in Nehemiah 12:44-47?



HEART LEVEL: *What does it mean? These questions help us shape our beliefs around the objective truth of God's word.*

1. Why is it significant to show physical repenting versus solely just internal?
2. What does the seal of the leaders represent? Why was it important?
3. Why was it important to resettle Jerusalem with a diverse Jewish population?
4. What are some ways that we seal our commitments to the Lord?



HANDS LEVEL: *What does it mean to me? These questions help us commit to live out the truth in our everyday lives and commit to potential next steps.*

1. How can we help others break a cycle similar to the Israelites?
2. How do we as individuals and a collective represent and show up for our Christian walk and represent Christ?
3. Just as the Jews supported the necessary reforms to ensure Jews to follow God's commandments, what are some ways we can ensure our community walks in obedience to a Christ like life?



MEMORY VERSE: Nehemiah 9:6

You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

(Please remember that these requests are confidential and need to stay within the group.)