

October 13th, 2024

Rebuilding Justice
Nehemiah 5

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OVERVIEW

- The problem of economic injustice. Neh 5:1-5
- Nehemiah and other wealthy men respond. (5:6-13)
- Nehemiah sets an ongoing example. (5:14-19)

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they are _____ issues.**

**They realized they weren't only called to rebuild the city
walls but to _____ in the city.**

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2. Take God _____. Neh 5:9; 15; Luke 4:16-19
3. _____ living. Neh 5:17-18; Mark 10:45; Gal 2:20

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TALK IT OVER

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How does the story of the suffering exiles in Nehemiah show that God cares for the hurting?

What similar social or economic injustices do you see around us today? What does it mean to you to see them as not just social issues but gospel issues?

In Nehemiah's day, the people with money had the power to take advantage of others, and the poor people were devalued. What parallels to this situation are there in our society today? In our church? What can you do to keep from taking advantage of others or devaluing them?

What does "surrendered living" mean to you and how is it different than being a "good Christian?"

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