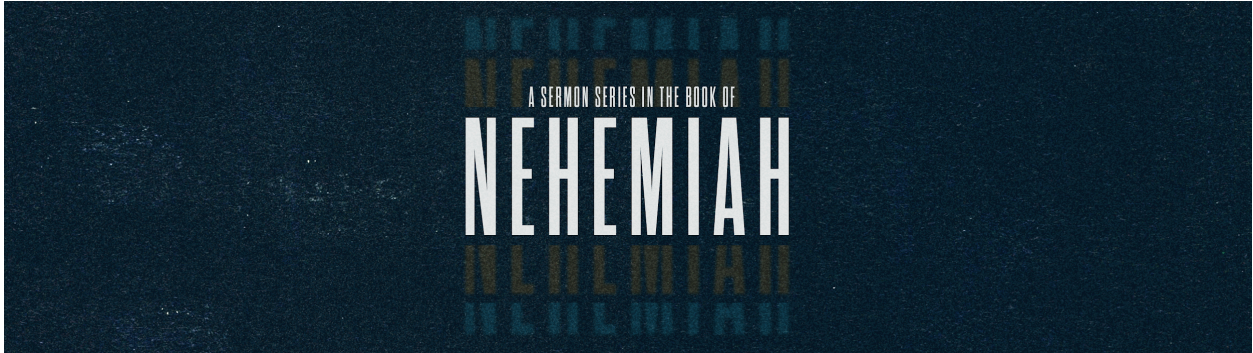


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Nehemiah 8:13-18



Explore - *Take time to think through the text/sermon.*

Take some time to listen to the sermon before you engage your Missional Community.

- What was the “Big Idea” for this sermon?
- Can you identify the major points from the sermon?
- Was there anything that the Spirit revealed throughout the sermon that you need to further engage?
- Did you find yourself needing to confess anything on the way to communion?

Experience - *Try to engage the text in a practical way BEFORE you gather.*

There are a few themes that are presented in this text. Let’s try to find them.

Write out how each of the following themes are seen in this passage.

- Consider the response of the Israelites. Write out what it might feel like to be in captivity. Think about last week’s response.
 - What would it have felt like to see God be faithful to Israel coming out of Egypt and now being faithful to them as they come out of Babylonian exile?
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- The command for “Feast of Booths” was to respond through Joyful Generosity to your house and to outsiders? Why do you think there was such a call to generosity? (Write out all the ways this is “storyformed”.)

Evaluate - *Time to discuss as a community DURING your M.C. gathering.*

- Discuss the difference between joy and happiness.
- Which do you tend to try and achieve - happiness or joy? How so?
- When you consider the difference between giving and generosity where do you tend to find yourself? Where do you need to increase your generosity?
- Can you see a parallel between your generosity and joy or your lack of generosity and pursuits of happiness?

Equip - *Train Others as you GATHER for when you SCATTER.*

Gospel Application:

- In the sermon, pastor Corey, said that Jesus was the rock that was struck so that the Spirit could pour out (see Jn 7). Read Galatians 5:22-23 to see what you have received in the Spirit. Your salvation should be generous enough, but God goes an extra step and gives you his very power. This is given to you as an Identity, not as an action. The “Fruit” is given to you regardless of your modeling the fruit - consider that for a moment. The work of Christ - the joy, peace, self-control of Christ - is given to you as an identity, even when you do not model it. Take a moment to discuss this reality together.
- How does this truth stir your to generosity?
- How does the grace of the gospel begin to drive generosity into you and out of you.
- If you were given the Spirit so that you could spread the Spirit to others, how does also encourage you to be a ‘Missional’ Community?

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- What resources do you cling tightly to that God is calling you to surrender for His mission?!

Get Connected:

Check out the upcoming events in the weekly email.

Quote of the day:

"We have become far too comfortable handling holy things." - Jeff Nail (🙌🙌🙌)

"You can be giving without being Generous, but you cannot be Generous without being giving."

"The universe is but a peanut in the pocket of God's overcoat." John Piper

Reminder: we are gathering 30 minutes before first service and 30 minutes after second service to discuss the capital campaign and give updates/invitations. Please inform your M.C! There will be a video coming shortly to share more information about the current campaign.