NEHEMIAH
REBUILDING FOR GOD'S GLORY

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SERMON NOTES

No matter how hard we try - our best is never good enough.

Nehemiah ’ s best efforts still resulted in the people failing in three major areas:

1. They DEFILED the House of God

- Belonging was more important than Obedience

2. They DISHONORED the Sabbath.

- Financial Gain was more important than Obedience

3. They DISOBEYED the Instructions for Marriage.

- Social gain was more important than Obedience

Nehemiah asked God to Remember what HE HAD DONE.

We ask God to Remember what CHRIST HAS DONE.

1 John 5:11-13

GOING DEEPER

Read Nehemiah chapter 13 and then walk through a few of the questions below. Be encouraged that the goal is not to cover every single question, but to go deeper with God.

The three areas of failure for the Israelites were rooted in values that were misaligned. Take some time to flesh out what each of these can look like in your own life.

Is there one area in particular that you need to choose obedience where you have failed in the past?

1. Belonging is more important than Obedience.

2. Financial gain is more important than Obedience.

3. Social gain is more important than Obedience.

God used Nehemiah as the voice that spoke truth into these areas of failure.

- Who has God placed in your life who can do that?

- Have you given them access and permission to speak truth into your life?

- What can you do now to create this type of accountability?

How does knowing our future is secure in Christ (1 John 5:11-13) change the way we approach each day?

UPCOMING

HopeKids Midweek Winter Semester registration opens | Nov. 18th
Prime Timer ' s Breakfast | Thurs, Nov. 21st | 8:30am (Village Inn)
Women ' s Quarterly Brunch | Sat, Dec. 7th | 9:00am (Harrison ' s home)