



COMMUNITY  
CHURCH

Offer Hope. Grow in Community. Be the Church.

**January 1, 2023**

**Nehemiah 11-12:26: Grow in Community**



Who Nehemiah? Where did he come from? What did he come to do?

*Now the city was large and spacious, but there were few people in it, and the houses had not yet been rebuilt. (Nehemiah 7:4)*

To build a community, they needed...

- people together,
- everyone using their gifts,
- to center the community around God and His Word.

How did they pick who would move into Jerusalem?

From the descendants of Judah... (v. 4)

From the descendants of Benjamin... (v. 7)

From the priests... (v. 10)

From the Levites... who had charge of the outside work... who led in thanksgiving and prayer (vs. 15-17)

From the gatekeepers... who kept watch at the gates... (v. 19)

The chief officers... (v. 22)

The musicians... (v. 23)

As for the villages with their fields, some of the people of Judah... they were living all the way from Beersheba to the valley of Hinnom (vs. 25-30)

The descendants of Benjamin from Geba... (vs. 31-36)

To build a community, we need...

- people together (offer our lives to God/God's people)
- everyone using their gifts (how can I serve God/my brothers and sisters?)
- to center the community around God and His Word

To build a community, we need people together.

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (Romans 12:1)*

Give yourself to serving God and serving God's people. Are you currently in a HG? Sign up today...

To build a community, we need everyone using their gifts.

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)*

Each person has a part to play in the community of faith.

To build a community, we need to center the community around God and His Word.

*He (Jesus) is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. (Colossians 1:28)*

*God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. (Hebrews 6:10)*

Prayer for 2023.

How can we pray for you in this upcoming year?

Do you desire to offer more of your life to God than ever?

Do you desire to engage your gifts for God this year?

Do you want to know Christ more?

Help someone you know hear the Gospel?

# HOME GROUP QUESTIONS...

Which part of building a community stood out to you?

Have you experienced:

- Offering your life fully to God and to His people?
- Living out of your gifts and seeing God use your experience?
- Centering your life around the Word of God?

Have you seen others do this well?

How would you rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 on each of these three concepts?

How could you increase your score on the one you scored yourself the least this week?

Spend time praying over each other for the upcoming year.