

Lessons from Nehemiah!

Part 6 “A life that brings light!”

Nehemiah chapter 6:15-16, Isaiah 49:6, Matthew 5:14-16.

Opening Question(s):

What is the most satisfying project you have ever completed?
What was so special about finishing it?

Study/Reflection:

1. *Read Nehemiah 6:15-16* What lay in ruins for 140 years has been rebuilt in 52 days, how is this possible? What was the reaction of the surrounding nations to this?
2. Read Isaiah 49:6, Israel has always been called to be a blessing to others to be a light to those who do not know God, how does Nehemiah display this over the first few chapters of his book?
3. Matthew 5:14-16 followers of Christ are called to be light. In what ways can we be a light to those around us that do not know Christ?
4. Pastor Rick mentions in his message that there are certain things we can do as Christ followers that can get people's attention to be a point of light in our lives. Things like living with integrity, serving others and showing kindness, and living with an underlying peace and joy. Of these which do you feel you do well, and which one or ones would you like to improve upon? Explain...

Application/Putting into Action:

- What can you do to enhance the kingdom potential of how you are living? How can you be more intentional about being a light on a hill? To those closest to you? To those whom you are investing in, that might not know Christ?
- Evaluate your level of peace and joy in your soul, as you prepare for this time of the year are there any adjustments that you need to make?
- Begin praying Matthew 5:14-16 in your life..... “Father, let my light shine before others in a way that they might see my kindness and service and give glory to God!?”