
SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 2:11-17

“11 I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days 12 I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on.

13 By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. 14 Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King’s Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; 15 so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. 16 The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.

17 Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.” 18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.

Nehemiah 3:1-32 (Summarized by Clayton Ganziano)

- 1. Identification | Nehemiah identifies the problem with intent to repair not compare**
- 2. Invitation | Do we identify with fellow image bearers who are in the midst of problems?**
- 3. Cooperation | The mission is big – but it becomes tangible when every person plays their role**

GROUP DISCUSSION

Is there brokenness in the world that seems easier to talk about the problem rather than jumping in to help?

How do we see Nehemiah carry the burden of his neighbor? What is your part to play in carrying the burden of your neighbor?

What does it look like for you to say yes to the mission of First Free?

What does it look like for you to say yes to help rebuild and repair the brokenness around us?

How will you get hands on with the mission set before us?