## **LIFE GROUP STUDY**

For Life Groups or Personal Study - For the week of July 5

Why does Nehemiah tell us that he is the cupbearer to the King?

## WHAT DOES IT SAY? Read Nehemiah 1.1-4

What is the news Nehemiah receives?

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

Where do you see the destruction and ruins in our world today?

What is Nehemiah's reaction to the news?

Where is there brokenness in your own life?

## Read Nehemiah 1.5-11

Summarize Nehemiah's prayer. What are the reasons for Habakkuk's joy?

How can God use you to "rebuild and restore" that which is broken and lost in today's times?

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Why are the Israelites in "great trouble and shame"?

As you spend time in prayer, acknowledge your need to be rebuilt and restored.

Ask God to reveal to you who you might be able to pray for, and perhaps help rebuild and restore.

Pray for that individual.

July 5, 2020 – Bill Williamson Brick By Brick

# Rebuilding & Restoring Nehemiah 1

As we come together for worship, we will begin a new series: Brick by Brick. Our focus will be on the book of Nehemiah as he begins to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem. Today we will also participate in Communion. As we see how Nehemiah agonizes over the ruins of Jerusalem, and prays for God to rebuild what has been destroyed, we will also be reminded that by the sacrificial death of Christ, God has torn down the great dividing wall of hostility. It is through Christ's death and Resurrection that God has been able to rebuild what was broken and restore what was lost. Christ has reconciled us to God and one another. We now have been given the ministry of reconciliation. God is going to use us to rebuild what was broken, as He begins to restore what is lost.

As you prepare for Worship, be sure you have your juice and bread, or whatever you are going to use. More importantly, begin to prepare your heart. Spend time perhaps in silence before you engage in Worship. Invite God to reveal to you where He wants to rebuild and restore your life, your family, your relationships, and even our community, country and world.

Because of Christ, and in His Grace, Pastor Bill

## **CONNECT THROUGH LIFE GROUPS**

#### THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups can be short, 10-week, sermon-based groups that promote spiritual growth through building meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word (Colossians 1.28).

Here's how it happens:

**SHARE:** We share what is happening in our lives.

**STUDY:** We study and discuss the questions on this sermon notes page in relation to Sunday's sermon. Our goal is to apply what we learn.

**SUPPORT:** We do this by: praying for one another, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting needs.

**SERVE**: We do a service project during each quarter we meet. Our desire is to share God's love with others by meeting real needs.

**GO ONLINE to learn more about Life Groups:** find an open group or sign up for a group online: yakimagrace.com/life. Or, stop by the Welcome Center in the Garden Room or call the office at 248-7940