LIFE GROUP STUDY	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
For Life Groups or Personal Study - For the week of July 19	Why did Nehemiah investigate the gates?
WHAT DOES IT SAY? Read Nehemiah 2.11-16 After Nehemiah returns to Nehemiah, it says he is there for three days. What does he do after the three days?	Why did he do it at night and alone?
	Why did he not tell anyone what he was doing?
Read verses 17-18 What is Nehemiah's message to the people upon investigating the walls? Read verse 19-20 What was the response by Sanballat and Tobiah?	WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU? Take some time in silence and ask God to "investigate the walls" of your heart, soul and mind. What does He reveal to you? Are there any walls that need repair?
How did Nehemiah respond?	In your group, if you are willing, share what you heard/saw, and pray for each other. If you are doing this on your own, spend time asking God to begin rebuilding what He revealed to you.

July 19, 2020 – Bill Williamson Brick By Brick - Nehemiah

<u>Let Us Rise Up</u> Nehemiah 2.11-20

As we continue on in Nehemiah 2.11-20 we see that Nehemiah is now in Jerusalem. He has only heard about the ruins. Now he is able to visit them firsthand. I wonder what his response was when he arrived on the scene. He didn't get right to work. He spent three days in Jerusalem before even investigating the walls. He wasn't just hanging out at the local coffee shop. My guess is he continue to pray and wait.

There is so much we can learn from Nehemiah. I am sure that he was overwhelmed by the condition of the walls. Yet, he peacefully, calmly, even secretly surveyed everything before he rallied everybody together. He was a man on a mission, but he operated in the strength of God with the wisdom of God. And, he encountered some antagonizing individuals. Still, he relied upon God. Let us seek God as we worship together, leaning into His character and nature, in order to hear the beating of His heart and to receive the wisdom for whatever we may encounter as we press on with the work He has called us to do.

Because of Christ, and in His Grace, Pastor Bill

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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.

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