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People

Cyrus Cylinder, line 32 *"...the gods who dwelt there I returned to their home and let them move into an eternal dwelling. All their people I collected and brought them back to their homes..."*

The Broken Wall

1. Reminder of a broken person

Nehemiah 1:4 *When I heard these things, I sat down and wept.*

2. Reminder of a broken promise with God

Nehemiah 1:6 *"...we have sinned against you..."*

3. Reminder of a broken people in need of restoration

Lists of People in the Bible

1. Genealogies

Matthew 1:1 *This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

2. Tribes

Numbers 26:51 *The total number of the men of Israel was 601,730.*

3. Faithful

Hebrews 1 *By faith Noah...Abraham...Moses...*

David...

In the book of Nehemiah, people were counted because they had an important role in restoring what was broken.

Lists of People in Nehemiah

Laborers

1. Unity of Mission

Nehemiah 4:6 *So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.*
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2. Diversity of Interest

Loafers

Nehemiah 3:5 *The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.*

Returners

Nehemiah 7:66 *The whole company numbered 42,360.*

Remainers

Consecrators

Nehemiah 8:8 *They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.*

Compromisers

Nehemiah 13:26 *Did not Solomon king of Israel sin on account of such women? Among the many nations there was no king like him, and he was beloved by God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless, foreign women made even him to sin.*

Things to keep in mind in your restoration journey:

Returners - They came back home!

Laborers – They took action!

Consecrators – They read the Word!

Right now, I am a _____

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker Question:

1. If you could trade places with anyone, who would it be and why?

Digging Deeper:

1. Share with the group an example of how you trusted God more than your feelings, doubts or voices of opposition this week.
2. The sermon this week was on the People of Nehemiah. What were the themes of the first two sermons? Hint they both start with a “P.”
3. If you could put into your own words, what would be our “unity of mission” at The Chapel, meaning the central passion that all of us should be striving to achieve? Reflect on the grade A-F you would give yourself on your effort.
4. How would you explain “diversity of interest?” What then would be your individual “diversity of interest” that falls under our “unity of mission?”
5. Identify what is it about going back to God, taking action and reading the Word that is difficult to do when we’ve broken something in our lives? Is one of these more challenging for you than the others? If so, please share why you think that is.
6. As you think of all the lists of people mentioned in Nehemiah, discuss how the returners, laborers and consecrators might shed light on how we today can restore what’s broken in our lives.
7. If comfortable, share with the group your response to Right now, I am a _____ and what prompted you to choose that?

Living it Out:

1. Ask God if there is something broken in your life that He would like you to restore? Determine which of the three actions God

is inviting you to do to begin the restoration journey and do it.
Share your story with your group.