

the RESTORATION MAN

A series in the Old Testament
book of Nehemiah

What is the series about?

Nehemiah is a man in the Old Testament book of the Bible who is responsible for looking after King Artaxerxes - particularly serving Him wine. While doing this job he finds out that the temple walls in his hometown of Jerusalem have been destroyed and he leads the project of rebuilding them. Nehemiah's restoring work was but a shadow of the greater and final restoring work that Jesus did through his life, death, resurrection and ascension.

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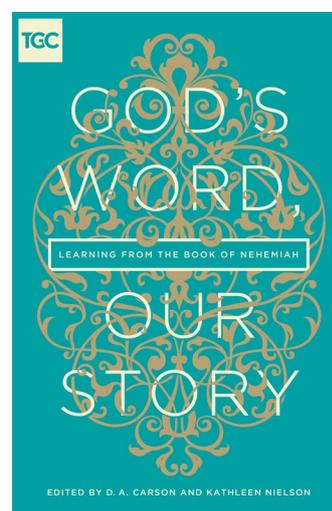
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Recommended Reading

God's Word, Our Story

D.A. Carson & Kathleen Nielson



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Title: What's so good about Walls?

Speaker: Goff Hope (City Centre & Mile Cross) Bible Ref: Nehemiah 2:1-10

Overview

Nehemiah was in Babylon, God's people scattered, feeble, humiliated. What could 1 man do?

God was raising up people with a burden, passion for His name who were saying ENOUGH!

He prayed – planned prayer ch1, and spontaneous arrow prayer ch2 & things changed.

1, He overcame his fears. 2, His way forward became clear. 3, He was given authority.

One greater than Nehemiah has come to build something more magnificent. *'I will build my church'*

Have you caught a glimpse of the worldwide Church Jesus is building? *See Isaiah 54.*

We are called to partner with Him & pray in His purposes. We come to throne of Grace! *Hebrews 4*

Plus Jesus promised Holy Spirit to empower & help us. *Acts 1&2, Baptism in Holy Spirit.*

Don't be afraid of, neglect Gift of tongues *'beautiful supernatural prayer language'* Paul didn't.

Questions to help your group understand the truth preached

On Sundays we hear God's word preached and as we listen well we trust that God is changing us in the moment. Use these questions to further explore the truth that was taught.

1. Why do you think Nehemiah didn't just stay comfortable in his good job in an attractive city?
2. What can we learn from Nehemiah about how to pray, what to pray?
3. What greater privileges & help do we have in prayer because of what Jesus has done?

Questions to help your group apply the truth preached

When applied, God's Word will enable us to love God and to love others. These questions will help your group apply the truth understood in a way that leads to transformed lives.

1. How could you strengthen your prayer life by following Nehemiah's example in Ch1?
2. What is your understanding & experience of the baptism, filling, overflowing in the Spirit?
3. What is the best thing to do when we feel overwhelmed by the happenings in the world?

Questions to help your group dig deeper

Having understood the truth preached, and explored how it can be applied to your lives why not dig a little deeper and ask your group the following questions:

4. Some people dismiss the precious gifts of the Holy Spirit because they are fearful, have been made to feel inferior, or have seen loveless abuse. How can Paul's letter to Corinth help?
(1 Corinthians 12 lists the gifts of Spirit, 1 Corinthians 13 gives the Spirit of the gifts, 1 Corinthians 14 puts it all together)
5. How does the story of Nehemiah & Jerusalem point to Jesus and his church?
6. What is your understanding of Jesus' plan for his church present & future?