



Week 1

Renewed People

Sermon Notes

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

1. Renewed people are real people

Nehemiah 5:1-5

- We are renewed but still deal with real life
- Conflict follows difficulty, but how we respond in conflict should be renewed as well

2. Renewed people are free people

Nehemiah 5:6-13

- It's okay to experience emotion, but we must manage it not, be managed by it

- Free people free people
 - We are people who extend forgiveness because we have received it

3. **Renewed people are Wise people**

Nehemiah 5:14-19

- The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the lord

Questions to Consider

Have you ever felt like Pastor Mac and had difficulty after difficulty stack? How was your response?

Conflict is coming. How do you feel you normally deal with conflict now?

How would you deal with conflict if you had better control over your emotions?

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. What do you think this means, and how have you feared the Lord in your own life?

What would it look like if you had a real fear of the Lord, acted as if you were accountable to him, and cared for each person because of their inherent image of God?

Application

Fearing the Lord includes real accountability. Work with someone in your small group and check in with each other each day this week. Be open and vulnerable and hold each other accountable for how each of you is walking in the fear of the Lord.

Pray for one another