



# NEHEMIAH

*Christ will build his Church*

## **Living Generously** – Nehemiah 5

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As we return to the book of Nehemiah, we consider the role money plays in rebuilding the church post Covid.

What does it mean to live generously towards others in the community of faith? Join us as Lewis Roderick takes us to Nehemiah 5 to find out.

For personal reflection/community discussion

**Read** – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

**Examine** – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

**Apply** - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What needs do you see around you in the church? What moves could you make today to live more Christlike with your money?
- Consider the public gesture Nehemiah makes the nobility make (v.12). Why might this have been important. How might bringing others into your desire to be more generous help you?
- Are you in need? Christchurch can help. Because of the generous giving of our members, we have money available for those who require assistance. We also have trained and godly volunteers able to help you budget your income. Speak to one of the pastors if you'd appreciate knowing more.
- Read vss 14-19 again slowly. And let your mind wander towards your Saviour. Now consider 2 Corinthians 8:9 and let your heart praise our generous God!
- Want to know more about God's generosity? Here's the Bible Project's excellent summary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62CliEkRCso>