

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements

Week of 10/16/22

DISCUSSION: [Nehemiah 6:1-7:3](#)

(Discuss the question cluster below - as much or as little as works for your group)

\*Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally\*

We're in a sermon series in the book of Nehemiah called, "A Time to Rebuild." Through it, we're focusing on the ways we, as individuals and as a church, can rebuild after the past 2+ years of transition and challenges. And we'll do so in confidence that God will be the one rebuilding us as we go.

- I. This week, our passage (Neh. 6:1-7:3) focused on a new round of threats and challenges facing Nehemiah and the rebuilding effort. We looked at: 1) The Threats and 2) How Nehemiah Handles Them. The sermon helped us see that challenges may increase, even when we get close to the end of rebuilding, but God is still the one in charge of what happens to us. So, like Nehemiah, we can choose how we handle challenges (even letting some go unmet) because we're confident through Jesus, that God would choose to die rather than let us be lost. Let's discuss how these ideas impact our lives.
  - A. What connected with you from the sermon or from the passage?
  - B. The sermon invited us to consider letting a challenge go unmet this week. Or to at least consider whether or not we have to respond to something. What's a challenge you experienced / are experiencing?
    1. *Are you thinking about not responding to it or responding differently??*
    2. *What feels/felt hard about potential not responding to it (or responding differently)?*
    3. *What would it feel like/look like if you tried praying instead of just reacting or worrying/getting frustrated about something?*
  - C. How does it change the way you think about rebuilding (whether that's your spiritual life, our church, our city, etc.), to know that challenges may get worse, even as we make more progress (just as they did for Nehemiah)?
  - D. The passage helped us see how God is in control and that even the best laid plans to harm us aren't enough when God says, "No." Where would it help you to remember that God is in control in your life or in our world right now?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Members of Christ the King Presbyterian Church are called to a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 3:30p at 99 Prospect St., Cambridge, MA.
- A new Adult Education class started on October 16th in the social hall at 9:15a on *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.