

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements

Week of 10/23/22

DISCUSSION: [Nehemiah 7:4-7a, 66, 70-73; 8:1-18](#)

(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. 7:4-7, 66, 70-73, 8:1-18) focused on how God is starting to rebuild not just the walls, but his people. We looked at how personal rebuilding involves: 1) Being Connected to God and Each Other. 2) Being Invested, 3) Discovering God's Joy. The sermon helped us see how we need to know other Christians are with us, how we're called to invest in God's rebuilding in material ways and how God's Joy is ultimately what rebuilds us (because his joy is to bring sinners back). Let's discuss how these ideas impact our lives.
 - A. What connected with you from the sermon or from the passage?
 - B. Do you tend to feel a lone as a Christian here in the greater Boston area?
 1. *What helps you not feel alone if you don't? What kind of connections or relationships might help you feel connected (or more connected)?*
 - C. Does it help you to know that God lays claim on families — even broken families with long years of brokenness?
 1. *What are some hopes you might have for what you'd love to see God do for your family?*
 - D. The sermon explained that to rebuild the wall, but not reinvest in the life of the city was to leave it as an empty shell. Instead, we're invited to rebuild to vitality, not just for external appearances or programs.
 1. *How was the call to lean into investing financially at CTK challenging or encouraging to you?*
 2. *What help from God would you need to lean in more financially, even in a small way?*
 - E. How did it feel hearing that God's joy is actually to bring sinners back — that he *loves* to do it and pays the highest price imaginable in Jesus to do it?
 1. *Does that change the way you think about God — or the way you think he looks at you?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Join us for the Second Annual CTK Great Pumpkin Event — church-wide, all-ages pumpkin carving and decorating party on Saturday, October 29 from 2-5:30pm at Dana Park in Cambridge. All are welcome for food, fun and prizes! Mini pumpkins for decoration will be provided but bring your own pumpkin to carve.
- A new Adult Education class started on October 16th in the social hall at 9:15a on *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.