

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements

Week of 9/11/22

DISCUSSION: [Nehemiah 2:9-20](#)

(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've begun a new series in 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 focused on Nehemiah finally arriving in the broken down city of Jerusalem. We looked at: 1) How Nehemiah takes stock of what's broken (and how we do); and 2) How Nehemiah moves toward rebuilding (and how we do). The sermon helped us see how Nehemiah made efforts (v.11-16) to get alone with the problem and that he addressed the problem with patience, having confidence (v.20) that the God of Heaven would make them successful no matter what. We also saw how Nehemiah started moving toward rebuilding by (v.17-18) coming back to community to solve the problem and by sharing how God had been at work in his life to get him there. Let's reflect, share and discuss a little about what those approaches to taking stock and rebuilding look like in our lives.
 - A. **Reflect:** Take a minute and think about one or two ways God was at work in your life to get you here today (whether here is greater Boston, church, CG, etc.). I.e., how has he overcome obstacles, answered prayers, meet needs for you? Write it down.
 1. **Share:** *Share with a neighbor about those 1 or 2 things and let them respond with any questions they have or let them share any encouragement that gives them.*
 - B. **Reflect:** What's 1 thing you sense God is calling you to get out of your life that came about in the past few years (i.e., a habit, a mindset, something you watch, consume)? What's 1 thing you sense God is calling you to build (or rebuild) in your life?
 1. **Share:** *Share with a neighbor about those 2 things and where you think you will need God's help to rebuild in these ways.*
 - C. **Discuss:** What 'Planning, Prayer and Risk taking' (see 9/4's sermon) will it require for you to rebuild in those 2 concrete ways you just shared about?
 1. *Are you more of a planner, pray-er or risk taker by nature?*
 2. *Which will God be calling you to grow in to rebuild in this season?*
 3. *What creative (or not so creative) ways could we help each other try to concrete steps to grow in these ways between now and Thanksgiving?*
 4. *What patience might we need (with ourselves or with others) as we try this?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Please note, the Congregational Meeting has been rescheduled fro Sunday, October 23rd. More details to come.
- If you are new to CTK and interested in joining, we'll have a newcomers class called Discovering CTK on October 15th from 9a-3p. You can register at ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk