



Icebreaker:

What do you enjoy doing most with your time?

Announcements:

Our upcoming Easter Eggstraganza– Saturday, March 28th, from 12 to 3 PM. Please contact Bill Simpson if you would like to help with this important outreach.

Mark the date– *March 29th* is when we move into our new auditorium. The entire facility project is not finished but this is a huge step forward. At that time we will go back to *two services: 9:00 and 10:45*. Please for this transition and our opportunity to reach more people for Jesus.

Prayer Time:

Study Questions:

Read Nehemiah 1:1–4. What do we learn here about Nehemiah? What was Nehemiah passionate about? Why was he so upset about the broken down wall around Jerusalem and the city's burned down gates?

What type of home security do you have at your house? How would you feel if you were not able to secure your possessions and property and keep your family safe?

Nehemiah is passionate that God's people are protected– that they prosper. What do the following verses say about the passion and commitment we should have to protect the unity and well being of God's people– Jesus' church... Philippians 1:27–28; Philippians 2:1–2; John 17: 20–23?

What does our unity communicate to the world? What does disunity communicate to the world? How is our unity our ultimate proof (apologetic) that Jesus is real– see John 17:23?

We are all hypocrites at one time or another. We all fall short of not only our own stated values but the values God gives us. How does seeing ourselves– not as perfect but making progress– help us take the “hypocrisy” card out of the honest critics hands? Why is it so important that we stop using past and current failures as an excuse to remain unchanged? How can we live so that we represent Jesus better to the world? What happens when we get this right– see 1 Peter 2:11–12. 2 Peter 3:13–17.

What is our overall mission as a church– see Acts 1:1–8? What empowers us to bring the Good News about Jesus to the world? Why is a unified effort so integral to our mission? How can we work together as Christ followers to bring people to faith in Jesus?

Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...