



Week 4 | Nehemiah | August 28

Key Focus: Outrage without action changes little. Let's get to work. We have a great work to do.

Opening Up:

- If you got ten emails with equal importance that all required a similar amount of energy, what would you do next?
- When life gets complex, how do you know what is the right next thing to do?
- Finish this sentence, "For clear thinking I need...."
- Finish this sentence, "I do my worst thinking when I am...."
- Are you a big idea person or detail person? How important is your environment to do the thinking that you love most?

Reference: Nehemiah 6-7

Discuss:

1. In Nehemiah 6:1-2 there were enemies trying to stop the completion of the wall. What have you seen the enemy doing to disrupt the progress of the church in New Mexico?
2. It was said that "Overt outrage may produce self-justifying conviction, but conviction alone changes nothing." Have you ever felt convicted about something, and yet not seen any change in relationship to that conviction? *How do you turn conviction into action?*
3. For you, where is the intersection of the world's pain, your place, and God's plan?
4. What is the difference between a job and a mission? Have you ever had a missional calling that did not feel like a job? What was that like?
5. In Nehemiah 6:5-7 Nehemiah risks his life for his mission. In Philippians 2:5-8 Jesus shows us his mind through offering his life for his mission. Why are missional people able to risk and sacrifice so much?
6. The enemies of Nehemiah wanted him to be afraid in Nehemiah 6:8-9. Nehemiah was not led by fear. Christians have not received a Spirit of fear, but a Spirit of power (1 Timothy 1:7). When have you received power from the Holy Spirit of God to put your faith into action? Has the Holy Spirit ever given you the power to witness? (Acts 1:8)
7. How is the following statement true? "Prayer without action lacks faith; action without prayer lacks power."
8. Nehemiah says that he had a "great work" to do (Nehemiah 6:3). Like Nehemiah the church has a "great work" to do. In your own words what is the "great work" that the church has to do?
9. How are you being called to support the "great work" of the church at New City?
10. What do you think about this statement? "At New City we have not been called to create a better church event; we have been called to send people on mission."
11. Outrage without action changes little. Let's get to work. We have a great work to do. What are going to do?
12. Pray.