

Vision: Helping People Win In Life (on the foundation of a Personal & Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ)



Mission: Helping People Win In Life through environments designed to help them take their next steps in Christian Maturity.

Sunday, October 22, 2017
Sermon Notes

Go BIG!
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Icebreaker: What 2 people would you like to come to church with you? Why?

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 2:1-5

¹ In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, ² so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart." I was very much afraid, ³ but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" ⁴ The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, ⁵ and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it."

In Nehemiah's Pursuit To Help His People, He Modelled:

1. An Authentic Life

Matthew 18:15 ---- "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over."

Questions To Consider:

- What does an authentic life to you look like?

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2. How To Overcome Anxiety

Questions To Consider:

- What have you been putting off because of being anxious?
- How did Nehemiah use his influence?

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3. That He Was Audacious

Hebrews 4:16 - *So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

Nehemiah 2:4 - *“Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king.*

Nehemiah 2:5 - *“If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it”*

Questions To Consider:

- Will you be audacious in life?
- Will you boldly approach the throne of God?
- What do you want God to do?
- Will you do what God wants you to do?
- Will you go like Nehemiah did?

Notes:

Outline for Small Group (1 ½ hour)

- I. **Welcome:** Ice Breaker, Light Refreshments (20 min)
- II. **Worship:** Sing 2 Songs, Pray (7 min)
- III. **Word:** Discussion /Overview from preached message & Discussion Questions (43 min)
- IV. **Works & Witness:** What will you do to **serve** others and/or **share** Christ with others? How can you **partner** with your Small Group and/or entire Church? (10 min)
- V. **Win (Testimony):** What next step have you taken or are taking toward spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus? *Connecting, Growing, Serving, Sharing, Worshipping* (5 min)
- VI. **Will (Vision & Prayer):** Share the Vision and Mission of CCMS & Pray (ACTS) – Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving & Supplication (5 min)