

How Do I Fit?

The Work – Ezra/Nehemiah

Discussion Points

June 2, 2019

Read & Reflect

1. Familiarize yourself with Ezra 1-10. What do you think it was like as a Hebrew to return to the “promised land”? Do you see any parallels with the larger biblical story of exile from the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3), and God inviting you back into his creation/Promised Land? How might Ezra be a type of Christ in that parallel?
2. Familiarize yourself with Nehemiah 1-13. What is the work that is being done and how many different kinds of people does it take to accomplish the work. What are the things that obstruct the work & workers? What are the things that unite them?

Explore

3. What is the work of the church and how does it reflect something of what God’s people were called to in Ezra/Nehemiah. Where do you see the work of the church lacking today: on the Temple/sacred side or on the City Wall/secular side?
4. How do you see your personal role in the work of the church? How or where do you need help in fulfilling your role?
5. Suggest how you see others fulfilling their calling with the specific gifts they have been given in the work of the church.
6. What does “success” seem to look like when all the gifts and talents of God’s people are used in the work of the church? (E.g. in Ezra/Nehemiah was it completed? Easy? Messy? Frustrating? Etc.)

Pray:

- Pray for the work of the church, locally and globally, that we may continue to “seek first the kingdom of God.”
- Pray for eyes to see where the work needs to be done, and pray for one another (refer to Question #4), and pray that together we may find joy and satisfaction in the work we do together.

Reminder: Workshop this Sunday (June 2; 5:00 – 7:30 PM) to explore spiritual gifts and serving in the body of Christ.

