

Connect Group Discussion Guide *Series: Rebuild for Revival*

Week 1 – Rebuilding with a Burden

GOAL: This Week’s discussion should focus on how we need to identify our burden and how we go about seeing revival in the burden as it depends on us.

DISCUSSION STARTER: Ask everyone how their week was and for them to share anything God has laid on their heart/doing in their life/anything that stood out in this message.

GROUP ACTIVITY: Read together Deuteronomy 28:13 and ask everyone how that verse relates to us. How are we the head and not the tail? What does that look like in the work/family/church environment?

DISCUSSION:

1. In Nehemiah chapter 1, we see that Nehemiah get’s word about the people who have returned to Judah and he mourns, fasts, and prays to God. Talk about what your burden is. What has God specifically given you a burden for?
2. Point #1 was “focus on the root of the burden” – Pastor Kyle talked about how the root was not the need rather it was the sin the people were caught up in, and the disobedience, which led to their predicament. Read Romans 8:12-13 and discuss what it means.
3. Sunday we talked about “indicators” of your root of sin – referring to Galatians 5:19-22 – Discuss what this means.
4. In Nehemiah 1:9-11 we see that if we obey God’s commands, then HE will restore us to our position He wants us to be in. What do you need to be restored to? Where do you feel like you have gone backwards in and are seeking restoration from?
5. Point 2 was “be patient in the burden” – we see that Nehemiah waited 4 months before a door was opened to speak with the king about going to help rebuild the wall – Why is patience so hard? What do we do in this season of waiting? (talk about prayer and then read Matthew 9:36-37).
6. Point 3 was “realize the solution for the burden” - Read 1 Peter 2:9-12 and discuss the idea of how we are suppose to look different and rebuild the wall of NO compromise. Discuss that we are to bring Him glory by standing strong as believers following His commands.
7. Point 4 was “stay committed to the revival of the burden” – often times its hard to stay committed to seeing the burden you have for a specific area be revived from death to life – why is it so important to stay committed. In Nehemiah 1:11 – we see that as a cup bearer he had a comfortable lifestyle and was willing to leave it all for the glory of God. – Read Philipians 3:8 and talk about what holds you back from seeing your burden from being revived.

PRAY: Take Prayer Requests and post them to the Connect Group FB Wall with the number of people that came to group and write down the names as well.