

Connect Group Discussion Guide *Series: Rebuild for Revival*

Week 3 – Rebuild the Gates Part 1

GOAL: This Week's discussion should focus on the 6 gates Pastor Kyle discussed out of Nehemiah and how those relate to "gateways" we need to rebuild in our lives.

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 1 Corinthians 12:12 and 12:19-27. (have different people read different verses) Discuss what it means for the church to look like a unified body as it relates to this passage. Where do we need to do better? How can we be better?

DISCUSSION:

1. Point #1 "Enter in and Go Fishing" dealt with 2 gates – the Sheep Gate (Nehemiah 3:1) and the Fish Gate (Nehemiah 3:3). Discuss what these gates mean and after discussing their meaning, talk about how we can rebuild those gates in our lives (work, family, church, friends, etc).
2. Discuss the truth that not everyone is going to be on board with your purpose (Nehemiah 3:4-5) and how we should react to that truth. Is it hard to accept? Why or Why Not?
3. Point #2 "Walk in Old Paths and in the Valley" dealt with 2 gates – the Old City Gate (Nehemiah 3:6) and the Valley Gate (Nehemiah 3:13). Discuss the meaning of these gates and afterwards...
 - a) Talk about some old paths we need to learn to walk in / what have you compromised?
 - b) Talk about humbling yourself and why it's important to do. (1 Peter 5:5-6)
Why does God oppose the proud? What does that mean for your life?
4. Point #3 "Clean up for the fountain" dealt with 2 more gates – the Dung Gate (Nehemiah 3:14) and the Valley Gate (Nehemiah 3:15). Discuss the meaning of these gates and afterwards
 - a) Why is it so beneficial to go through a daily cleansing of your sins? How do you do that?
 - b) Read John 7:37-39 and talk about how this relates to the fountain gate.
 - c) What does it mean to walk in the fullness of Holy Spirit?
 - d) Why do we need this so much?
 - e) Why does God need Holy Spirit in us so much?

CLOSING: Once we humble ourselves and cleanse ourselves in the name of Jesus, only then can we walk in the fullness of Holy Spirit so that Revival can happen in every part of our lives. We are important as individuals, and collectively – we can not ignore either. We will see revival corporately, when we see revival individually!

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.