

“COME ON! LET’S RALLY FOR GOD’S GLORY”

SERMON NOTES

Nehemiah 2 & Acts

Keys from Nehemiah 2

- NEED –
- RALLY –
- REMEMBER –
- RESOLVE –

To be a church of disciples making disciples, reaching those in our community with the hope of Christ, and commissioning disciples to the unreached worldwide.

I. To Be a Church of Disciples... (Jn 15:1-17; Eph 5:1-2; 1 Jn 2:5b-6)

What is the church?

Acts 2:42 – Note the word “DEVOTED” = continually persistent

What were the believers in Acts 2 devoted to?

RELATIONSHIP CHALLENGE

- 1) CONNECT with everyone =
- 2) CARE for our widows & shut-ins =
- 3) COMMIT to group activities =

II. ...Making Disciples... (Mt 28:19-20; Titus 2:1-7)

What is a disciple?

Difference between Christian & Disciple =

Discipleship is a PROCESS with two facets:

~ EVANGELISM (Mt 28:19-20; Jn 4)

“Evangelism starts with taking the **initiative** in presenting the gospel to the unsaved in order to bring them to salvation.”

Acts 8 – Who shared the gospel? Whose duty is it to share the gospel? When does that duty end? Who have you shared the gospel with recently?

~ MATURITY (Titus 2)

“The corporate teaching and fellowship of a local church are indispensable for developing spiritual maturity in individual believers. In the local church, spiritual gifts are to be exercised (Rom 12), and it is the proper working of each individual part (Eph 4:16) that builds up the body of Christ and thus each member.”

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE (Focus on “Maturity”)

~ FELLOWSHIP – what is it? Key thoughts?

It speaks of our common relationship in Christ, laboring for God’s glory, by partnering together to make disciples through evangelism and building one another up toward greater maturity in Christ.

How do you make disciples?

Must involve effectively building up & encouraging one another in the Word and in practical, godly living.

- ~ READ PROVERBS – will give us a wealth of godly counsel
- ~ COUNSELING TRAINING – equipping to minister more effectively to one another

III. ...Reaching Those in Our Community with the Hope of Christ... (Acts 1:8)

Acts 1:8 lays out a gospel initiative. What are doing to reach “the uttermost parts”?
What are we doing to reach our “Jerusalem, Judea, & Samaria”?

REACHING OUR COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

- ~ KNOW how to share the GOSPEL clearly & concisely
(Romans Road Brochure; 2-Minute Gospel Presentation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THavH2A-8Ow>)
- ~ WORK TOGETHER toward a goal of seeking people SAVED
- ~ BE EQUIPPED together to meet the NEEDS of people

IV. ...And Commissioning Disciples to the Unreached Worldwide (Acts 13:1-3; Rom 10:15)

What’s the need? Look at the numbers...
How many people are headed to hell today?

REACHING THE UNREACHED CHALLENGE

- ~ SUPPORT current missionaries thru prayer & provision w/ God’s blessing & direction
- ~ PRAY for more workers for the harvest
- ~ PRAY for one NEW PERSON to be SAVED

NEED – hundreds of thousands dying bound for the horrors of hell; a world increasingly opposed to Christian & Christianity

RALLY – To See People Saved = praying for new person to come to faith; be ready to share the gospel; work toward seeing 50 people saved; be equipped to counsel others; continue to support & pray for our missionaries, seeking new opportunities too

– To See the Church Mature = connect to strengthen relationships; build up each other through biblical fellowship; be equipped in counseling to help one another mature; care for our shut-ins/widows; commit to serve one another

REMEMBER – God’s past faithfulness to us

RESOLVE – To trust the Lord & live as individuals & as a church like we trust him

