

Title: **Division**
Text: **Nehemiah 5:1-19**
Date: **May 7, 2023**

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Big Idea

The Gospel not only confronts our sins (of injustice) but also transforms and empowers us to live and love others with humility, selflessness and generosity for His glory!

1. Opposition W_____ vv.1-5)

(cf. Deuteronomy 15:12, 24:14-15, Leviticus 25:35-40, 47-55, Acts 2:42-47, 6:1)

- Economic O_____

2. Nehemiah's R_____ & R_____ (vv.6-11)

(cf. Isaiah 1:7, Jeremiah 5:23-28, 7:5-7, Zechariah 7:8-10, Malachi 3:5, Luke 11:37-44, Mark 3:5, Matthew 22:37-40, James 1:27, 5:1-6)

- Reaction: A_____
- Response: C_____ the nobles & officials

3. The People's R_____ (vv.12-13)

(cf. Luke 19:1-9, James 2:14-26)

- R_____

4. Nehemiah's P_____ Response (vv.14-19)

(cf. Hebrews 13:16, Romans 12:9-17, 1 Corinthians 9:12-23, 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, 9:7, Galatians 6:10, Philippians 2:3-8, 4:10-19, 1 Timothy 6:17-19)

- Nehemiah's G_____ & S_____
- Nehemiah's H_____, C_____ & P_____



Reflection Questions

- What are some of the injustices you see in our society - as well as in the world today?
- What things do you find yourself getting upset or angry over these days? What might your anger reveal about your heart, your values or your expectations of the world (or people)?
- Living in a pluralistic society, how do we/you define and decide what is "good/right" and what is "bad/wrong"? How does Scripture shape (y)our understanding of all this?
- How have you seen Christians pursue things in God's name for God's glory -- and yet compromise God's name and glory (and their personal integrity) in the process?
- How do you think you would have responded if you were the nobles and officials in vv.6-8? How do you typically respond when corrected?
- What might it look like for you (and your family) to live a life of justice and generosity towards others - whether within the church community or outside?
- How does the truth and reality of the Gospel message - and who Jesus is, what Jesus taught, and what Jesus did - challenge and encourage you in your own life as you consider what it means to live justly, sacrificially, and humbly in light of the Gospel & eternity?

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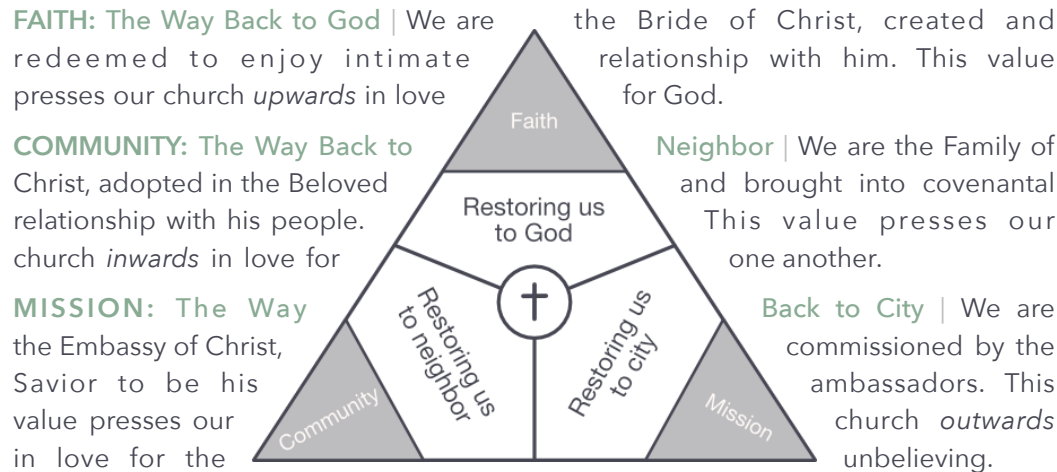


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Announcement Spotlight

All Church Hike - Next Saturday, May 13th!

We will be doing a hike at Uvas Canyon County Park on the Waterfall Loop Trail on Saturday, May 13th at 1:00pm. The trail is rated moderate. There is a lot of shade on the trail and many places to take breaks and snap photos. Remember to bring water, sunscreen, and good hiking footwear.

Scan the QR code below for more info and to RSVP.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Paul Walton at pwwalton@comcast.net.

All Church Campout - Registration Is Now Live!

We are excited to announce that we'll be hosting an All Church Campout at Mount Madonna County Park over the weekend of June 23rd-25th! We have a huge group campsite all to ourselves and lots of options in the park for having fun together. Whether you love to camp or you'd rather still sleep in your own bed, we have something for everyone. Because the park is only a 45 minute drive from south San Jose, people can feel free to come and go as it works with their schedule and preference.

Option #1: Day-Use: For those not wanting to camp but still wanting to participate, the Day-Use option is best. You can come in for the day, enjoy activities, meals, etc., and then head home to your warm bed while the rest of us "rough" it :).

Option #2: Camp: This option is for those who want the full camping experience. We have the site for Friday and Saturday nights. You can choose to camp for one or both of these depending upon your availability and desire.

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