

Sunday 27th April

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Nehemiah 10 – Pick and Choose

- 1) If you could change one UK law, what would it be and why?

- 2) Read **Nehemiah 9v38 – 10v39**
What do you think was the most helpful point Rich made? Why?

- 3) Read **Matthew 22v34-40** where Jesus talks about the most important commandments.
 - a) Write down how you express each of these commandments in your own words.

 - b) Why do you think Jesus says these two are the most important?

 - c) How successful are you at keeping these commandments?

 - d) What does Jesus mean by saying 'all the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments'?

- 4) Read **Romans 8v1-4**
 - a) What do you think Paul means by 'sinful nature' (or 'flesh' in some translations)?

 - b) What does this passage say is the problem with trying to be 'good enough' by keeping God's law?

 - c) Is this a problem with the law itself? Why?

 - d) What does this passage say God did to satisfy the demands (or requirements) of the law?

 - e) What are the implications of these verses for you? Spend some time thanking God for what Jesus' death and resurrection achieved for you.

 - f) How could you explain the content of this passage to someone who was not a Christian?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Leviticus 19v1-37**

- a) Classify each of the laws in this chapter into one of the following three categories:
 - i) **Moral principle**: tells us about right and wrong – we need to still obey it today.
 - ii) **Picture**: teaching something but not for us to obey today
 - iii) **Unsure**: I'm not sure which category it comes under
- b) For each **Moral principle**, what is the 'spirit' behind the law, rather than just the 'letter' of the law?
- c) For each **Picture**, write down what it might be teaching us today.
- d) What is the overall message of these laws to you and how do you need to respond?
- e) What makes you **Unsure** about the other laws? How could you begin to clarify your understanding?
- f) Are there laws here that you feel you are guilty of breaking? Take time to pray this through to God.
- g) Why do you think the writer mixed up these different types of laws in one passage?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

We have a possible opportunity to partner with a church in **Albania**. Please pray for **Rich visiting church leaders in Tirana** from 14th to 17th May with Martyn Dunsford. Ask that God would use him to encourage them and guide us at King's about our future involvement.

Please continue to pray about the **Tesco Land** opposite our building, that we might receive a favourable response from Tesco so that we can put the land to good use and improve our church's visibility.

Pray for **Christians involved with politics and government** at local and national levels. Ask that the life of Jesus in them would be evident in their character, speech and wisdom. Pray they would be willing to be known as Christians, despite opposition, and always be ready to give answers for the hope they have.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

Church Prayer Week 11th to 17th May. We'll be following the usual pattern of Sunday 7-15pm to 9pm; Wednesday (Men) 7-45pm to 9-30pm; Thursday (Women) 7-45pm to 9-30pm; Saturday (with Breakfast) 8am to 9-30am. **There will be no small groups meeting this week.**

Would you have a couple of hours spare to help collect donations for **Christian Aid** with other Lewes Churches during **11th to 17th May**? Christian Aid does some fantastic work with some of the poorest people around the world. Please let Al Pickering (405455) or Cat Fletcher (07999 077744) know if you're interested or want to know more about what it would involve. www.christianaid.org.uk

The **Freedom in Christ Course** helps Christians grasp the Bible's teaching on their identity in Christ. It includes steps to deal with on-going sin and wrong thinking, as well as handling emotions, past hurts and forgiving others. Our next course begins on **5th June** (7-30pm) at the King's Building and runs for **7 Thursday evenings**. Please contact Al Pickering (405455 / al@kingschurchlewes.org) to book a place or more information.