

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Nehemiah 7 – It's not about the Wall!

1) What was the last significant task or project you finished and how did you feel when it was done?

2) Read **Nehemiah 7 v1-7**

What from Al's message was most relevant for your life or our church?

3) Read **Genesis 11 v1-9**

a) What was the people's aim in building the tower?

b) What was wrong with that?

c) Which two things did God do as a result?

d) What was different about the aims and results of the Babel project and Nehemiah's rebuilding of Jerusalem?

e) From reading about Babel, what dangers are we challenged to avoid as a church or as individuals?

4) Read **Acts 2 v1-11 and v36-41**

a) In what sense was the day of Pentecost the beginning of a building project?

b) How could it be seen as a reversal of what happened after the Tower of Babel?

c) What was different about building the early church in Jerusalem, from Nehemiah's building project there about 500 years before? (See also Acts 1v8)

d) What is the next step for you in being part of building God's New Community of the church?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **John 4 v1-42**

- a) How did Jesus go beyond what was expected to reach out to this woman?
- b) Why does Jesus describe what he offers as 'living water'.
- c) How did this make a connection with this woman?
- d) Do you think her point about where to worship (v20) was simply an attempt to change to the subject to something less personal, or an important issue?
- e) What does Jesus say about where to worship God and how that will change?
- f) What is most important in terms of worship now Jesus has come?
- g) What is the equivalent of being involved in Nehemiah's project today, in the light of what Jesus said?
- h) How are you growing in true worship and helping others come into God's worshipping community?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

The **Eldership Service** is on **Sunday 16th March** at **3pm**. Please pray for Al and Jeff as we recognize them as elders. NB. There will be no morning service. Our usual children's groups will be part of the afternoon

Why not take some time this week to pray for situations around our country and world, using a newspaper or the BBC News website.

Pray for a peaceful solution to the situation in Ukraine and Crimea. Christians there are asking us to pray for a "miracle" to stop any further descent into conflict.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

CHANGE OF DATE! A **Church Lunch** with **Lesotho Team Feedback** is on **Sunday 6th April**. Everyone welcome! The food will be 'bring and share' organised through your small group nearer the time.

Quiz Night is on the **Saturday 22nd March at 7.30pm**. King's Church quiz nights are great fun with good food, good company and bar available. Do think about who you could invite to be on the winning team! Tickets available from Brian Ballan: £8 including Fish and Chips. Also £3 on the door without food.

The **Gift Day** is on **Sunday 30th March**. We are looking to raise **£30,000**. If you would like to give your money before the end of this financial year, please put it in the giving box or send it by direct debit (making sure it's clearly labeled as 'Gift Day').

We are having a **Baptism Service** in the not too distant future (date to be confirmed). If you haven't been baptised but would like to be, please speak to Rich or Al.