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Title: Rise Up and Build Part 7, CLARIFIED , Nehemiah Chapter 7

MEMORY VERSE: *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...* Philippians 2:5

SERMON REFLECTIONS - Nehemiah 7

1. Nehemiah 7 is about the genealogies of the people who worked on the wall. What is the genealogy of your life? How has your life affected others? How can your life be more effective? Is the genealogy of your life as affective as it can be?
2. What you do with your money and how you spend says more about your heart and your walk with the Lord than anything else in your life. What does your checkbook say about you? What is God challenging you to do as a steward of His money?
3. Read Exodus 35:21-26. God clarified what people would give by stirring their hearts. How is God stirring your heart? Do you have a willing spirit? Miles mentioned that the material things have zero value in light of eternity, but they do have eternal value when we give those things to be used for God's purpose. Have you been praying for God to stir your heart and give you a willing spirit?

Purpose Driven Life – Week Two: Purpose #2: You Were Formed for God's Family

1. What are some things that can prevent true fellowship from happening in your life, this Small Group, or the Rock?
2. Read 1 Timothy 3:14,15. In the Bible, the church is described as a family. What characteristics of healthy families would be true of The ROCK Church? What can you do to help nurture family at the Rock? In your Small Group?
3. Which relationships *should* be your first priority? Which relationships *are* your first priority? What are some practical things you can do to ensure they are?
4. Does your level of involvement at the Rock demonstrate that you love and are committed to God's family?

Prayer Time

Spend some time praying that Small Group will be a place where everyone is able to share true feelings, differences are respected, and everyone is encouraged to grow spiritually. Pray that people would take the time to get to know one another and that there would be support and acceptance despite anyone's individual weakness.

Prayer Guide for Week Four

Protection October 27 - 31

Scripture Reflection: Read Nehemiah 4

“And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work.” Nehemiah 4:15

“Tomorrow I plan to work, work from early until late. In fact I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.” M. Luther

Sacrifice: We have been called to walk by the Spirit. Get out of your comfort zone this week and possibly mend a relationship, love the unlovable, or do something spontaneous for a brother/sister.

God, our refuge and our shield, we pray...

- For divine protection against spiritual warfare for our leaders and our church family during the np3 40 days of Prayer and Purpose.
- For physical protection and good health for all leaders and participants.
- For protection against distractions, busy-ness, worries, problems, and concerns – to enable everyone involved in the np3 40 days of Prayer and Purpose. Focus completely on what God’s will for our church is – here and now.
- For the mental, physical and spiritual protection of Pastor Miles as well as his family.
- For the strength to face trials and tribulations that may arise at this time, remembering that God can use problems to deepen our trust in Him.