

The Invitation

**Fill out a pew card with a prayer request
Put them in the Offering Plate**

**Come at 6:30pm
Nov. 24**

The House of Prayer

**Join in
The Word
Confession
And Prayer
Be a Nehemiah**

You Are So Needed

Nehemiah 12:27-47

Bear Witness

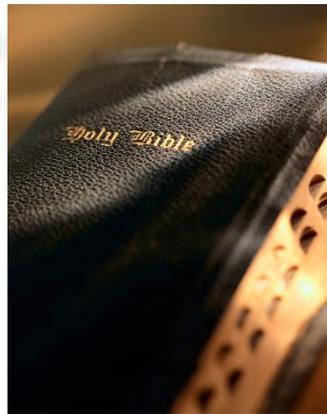


Worship



The Truth

- **No one escapes the necessity of philosophical thought. The only question is who or what is shaping our thought for us?**
- **We draw conclusions about everything but on what basis? Feelings, books, media, thought?**
- **Is there an objective system that can deal with the changing times compromising truth?**



Four Reasons You are Needed

Our World is in Deep Distress

**Living Life With No Infrastructure Isn't
Cutting It**

The Help Needed Requires Risk

The One Who Sees Hears and Sends Calls You

1. Our World is in Deep Distress

- **The people came back from exile to rebuild but now they are in great trouble and disgrace. Neh.1:3**
- **In the face of ridicule, mockery, they have ceased to thrive and lost their sense of mission – and God.**
- **Mockery from without division from within – they ceased to do right.**
- **On coming to America for college (MK China) I brot that faith with me, and the rest of my life has been a struggle to keep it intact, in the face of the modern winds of doctrine that assail it. If the winds were powered by truth, I would bow to them, but as I have not found them to be so, I must point that out. Huston Smith**
Parents of Boomers: Give/Get. Hardwork, loyalty, steadfastness. Boomers: Neither self-denial nor duty. Opt for self-fulfillment. GenX: Survival Mode. Age of Indifference. Nothing Matters. PTSD (Trust, Safety, Value)

2. Living Life Without Infrastructure Isn't Cutting It.

- You see the trouble we are in- Jerusalem is rubble, the gates are burned, the walls are down
- Shouldn't you walk in fear of God and be larger than the mocking unbeliever? 2:9
- Hear O Believer of the Law you need 8:7-9 And they confessed the sins of their fathers and of themselves. 9:2
- **Life w/o infrastructure is PTSD.** Just read/listen: Sex abuse, racial bitterness, incredible divorce rate, disintegration of families, uninvolved, disinterested parents, absentee dads and moms, latchkey kids, AIDS, shootings of all kinds, just being young is a stressor!
- **Loss of objective right/wrong: Walls are gone Gates are burned. Neh. 4:1-3; 5:9-10; 9:2-3**

3. The Help Needed Requires Risk

- The news is enough to make us weep and pray
- Most often God who hears us involves in his answer to prayer – and it often requires risk.
- Nehemiah's life hung on the whim of a powerful king.
- If God had been interested in guarding against vulnerability, he certainly would not have loved sinners.
- Human freedom is the God given freedom to obey. Faith is the obedience of pilgrim, his vision and trust set upon God's free act of reconciliation. This obedience in faith and love is the human response to the divine offer of justification, sanctification and calling in Christ. Karl Barth Neh. 1:4; 2:2-4

4. The One Who Hears, Sees and **Sends Calls You** Neh. 9:19, 31,33 12:27,31,43,44

- **What we know about God: He alone is God, He gives life to everything, He calls/chooses us, He is righteous, He see, hears and sends, He came down, He makes known his ways, he is forgiving, compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in love**
- **God is Rescuer, Redeemer, Renewal**
- **Your world and your friends do not need religion, they need you – a people full of the Holy Spirit, confident in the ways of God, channels of Grace, Power and Presence of God to change our world.**
- **Needed: People who risk it all to follow Jesus in scripture, reason, experience and tradition. (Clip)**

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