

Life Application Notes

Called – 4th February 2018

Speaker: Si Munsie

Scripture: Nehemiah 11

Introduction

In Nehemiah 11, we see the people of God returning to Jerusalem and re-populating the city under Nehemiah's strategic leadership. Si talked about being called to Southampton for life, being called to Be Here, Now and being called to call out.

Normal events supernaturally guided:

Si shared some of his testimony of how he came to be part of Life church in Southampton and the seemingly normal events that led him to being where he is today.

Each share a short testimony of how God has led you to be where you are today - what were some of the key moments that as you look back at them were God's guidance. It tells us that those who moved back to Jerusalem were commended, commend your group for being in Southampton and being in the place where God has for them!

Unsung heroes.

Throughout chapter 11 we see lists of names from the different tribes who came to live in Jerusalem.

Share stories and gratitude for the unsung hero that stands out in your life either now or previously and then spend some time in prayer thanking God for their influence in people's lives.

Pray for the opportunities that God has given you to be that person for others, the one who disciples others. Share the idea of 'pay it forward' - if each believer who came to faith actively disciplined another believer and this led to salvation, the church would grow exponentially with every member doing the work of a disciple and being a discipl-er!

Called to call out

Choose one of the following options: (If time, go for both!)

- Call out against the darkness and stand for the kingdom in our city - share some of the things that grieve us about the world around us and particularly the injustice and needs we see within our own city (**WARNING:** Do not let this become a moaning session about 'the government' or 'someone should do something about x, y or z' session). In all things, turn to prayer to the God of the universe who knows when even a sparrow falls to the ground. We are called to pray and take our stand on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ which won the victory over darkness!

Or

- Call out the destiny in others - spend time praying for each other with a specific focus on asking God for prophetic insight for others. (**WARNING:** Some in your group may need some teaching into sharing prophetic words for others. Be full of faith that all believers can hear from God but that wisdom needs to be applied.)

Two helpful questions to weigh anything by are: Is it biblical? Is it edifying?

Leaders should encourage the group to weigh anything that is brought and recognise the fallibility of people in bringing anything prophetic whilst remaining full of faith that God is eager to speak to his people.