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Nehemiah 2:11-3:5

Review: Nehemiah 1-2

Prayer without a plan is faithless; planning without prayer is arrogance.

The God who loved you enough to save you, has a purpose for your life.

There are times we must wait on the Lord before sharing what He has put on our hearts.

Overall Theme:

All _____ starts with the _____ of the Lamb.

Build Up Your Gates

Sheep Gate

- ✓ The only gate that was dedicated/sanctified
- ✓ The only gate built from the ground up with no locks, bolts, or bars
- ✓ Jesus, in the great exchange, became the innocent life _____ for the guilty
ONCE AND FOR ALL!!! (1 Peter 3:18)

Fish Gate

- ✓ The gate where fishermen would bring their catch to be sold at the marketplace
- ✓ A main entrance to Jerusalem that both Jew and Gentile would enter
- ✓ As with his disciples, Jesus wants to make us " _____ " (Matt 4:18-22, 28:19)

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Have you ever prematurely announced something that God had put on your heart? Explain
3. Is it hard for you to practice patience when receiving something from the Lord? Why can the temptation be so strong to tell someone?
4. What was the purpose of the Sheep Gate? What was the significance of this gate having no bolts, bars, or locks? Why did Nehemiah's team start there when repairing the gates?
5. What are the main points to atonement? How does atonement today differ from Old Testament times?
6. What was the purpose of the Fish Gate? Why was it so important to Jew and Gentile alike?
7. In what ways are you intentionally casting the net and gathering people for Jesus?
8. Read Matthew 13:47-50. What do these verses say about eternity and the role we play in eternity?
9. Spend some time in prayer thanking Jesus for his atoning sacrifice for you, that by believing in Him, you can have eternal life. Pray for someone who has not put their faith in Christ and that God would give you an opportunity to share the Good News.

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Nehemiah 2:11-3:5) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?