

# GREAT THINGS FOLLOW GENEROSITY

NEHEMIAH 5:1-19

## I. God's work is sustained through \_\_\_\_\_ generosity. (vv. 1-5)

*"Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children are as their children. Yet we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards." v. 5*

TAKE THE INITIATIVE to give more of God's \_\_\_\_\_ than you're asked to.

## II. God's people unite through \_\_\_\_\_ generosity. (vv. 6-13)

*I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these words. I took counsel with myself, and I brought charges against the nobles and the officials. I said to them, "You are exacting interest, each from his brother." And I held a great assembly against them ... Then they said, "We will restore these and require nothing from them. We will do as you say." And I called the priests and made them swear to do as they had promised. vv. 6-7, 12*

### NEHEMIAH'S APPEAL FOR GENEROSITY

*Their love and loyalty to one another (v. 7)*

*The Word of God (v. 7)*

*God's redemptive purpose and freedom for His people (v. 8)*

*Their witness to their unbelieving neighbors (v. 9)*

*His personal example (vv. 10-11)*

*The judgment of God (vv. 12-13)*

TAKE THE INITIATIVE to grant \_\_\_\_\_ as freely as you've received it.

## III. God's glory is highlighted through \_\_\_\_\_ generosity. (vv. 14-19)

*... I did not demand the food allowance of the governor, because the service was too heavy on this people. Remember for my good, O my God, all that I have done for this people. vv. 18b-19*

TAKE THE INITIATIVE to set aside \_\_\_\_\_ for what's eternal.

**"The remarkable thing about fearing God, is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else." OSWALD CHAMBERS**

# REBUILDING

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

## HOME GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Nehemiah chapter 5.

### FINANCIAL GENEROSITY

1. How did the people respond to Nehemiah with financial generosity? How did they go above and beyond what Nehemiah asked of them?

2. What does taking the initiative have to do with being generous? Would you say that you take the initiative to be financially generous? Why?

### RELATIONAL GENEROSITY

3. How is Nehemiah generous in how he relates to the people? How does forgiveness play a role here?

4. How does relational generosity in the church aid the growth of unity? In what ways do you feel you could mature more in relational generosity?

### SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

5. Read Matthew 22:37-40. What did Nehemiah willingly give up in order to be an example of a person who lives by the first two Commandments? How did his sacrificial generosity encourage others, and what did it accomplish in the bigger picture?

6. In what ways have you demanded your own rights above loving your neighbor during the pandemic? What does love require of us in this case? See also Matthew 22:37-40; Romans 14:15-19, Romans 15:1-3 and 1 Corinthians 10:24.

#### What Jesus says about generosity

Matthew 6:19-21, 10:42

Luke 21:1-4

#### What Paul says about generosity

Galatians 6:10

2 Corinthians 8:12-15, 9:6-8

1 Timothy 6:17-19

**“One of the grandest things in having rights is, that though they are your rights you may give them up.”**

GEORGE MACDONALD

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

**SHARE THE LOVE WITH A SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY.** To go along with today's "Rebuilding" message, we're supporting Union Gospel Mission in Fort Worth and the Adera Foundation in Ethiopia with a special offering. Both groups serve and empower vulnerable families in the name of Jesus. If you'd like to give \$5, \$10 or any other amount, text "CCBC Love" to 77977, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/give](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/give) or drop your offering in the receptacle as you leave with a note saying it's for Share the Love. Our Local and Global Ministries will match whatever is given!

**THE FEBRUARY DATE NIGHT EXPERIENCE IS LIVE.** This month's date night experience will flash you back to where it all began for you and your love, help you talk through barriers every relationship faces and, of course, there's a restaurant-worthy recipe for dinner, too! Get the entire experience on our website right now at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**THERE'S ANOTHER FORLIFE CONVERSATION HAPPENING WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24.** How can you step into life issues in 2021 and beyond? Join our Local Outreach Director Lance Cashion for a virtual gathering to learn more about Christ Chapel's commitment to life issues, what initiatives we're a part of and how you can participate this year. The online conversation will happen Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Sign up to join us at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**WE'RE BRINGING LIVE MUSIC STRAIGHT TO YOUR LIVING ROOM.** On Friday, Feb. 26, the CCBC Pops Orchestra is putting on a new show, "Broadway Showstoppers," which features a full lineup of iconic Broadway tunes. It's a great opportunity to share Christ Chapel with your friends and family. You can plan a watch party with your pandemic bubble or just settle in at home with family or roommates. Either way, it's gonna be a great night of online music and fun. Learn more at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**MOMS, WE'VE GOT AN ENCOURAGING PLACE FOR YOU!** Now more than ever, we need each other for support, encouragement and reminders of truth. Moms Groups offer the opportunity for just that through monthly get-togethers of prayer and community. No matter where you are on the mothering path—sleepless nights with a newborn to well-seasoned grandma—we have a group for you. Learn more at [www.ccbcfamily.org/momsgroup](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/momsgroup).

**READY TO BE BAPTIZED?** If you've made the decision to follow Jesus as your Savior, we are so excited! We'd love to include you in an upcoming baptism celebration. Email Hannah at [HannahS@christchapelbc.org](mailto:HannahS@christchapelbc.org) to learn more this week.

**REGISTER FOR MUSIKGARTEN SPRING CLASSES.** Parents, if you are looking for a new stay-at-home activity, Musikgarten classes are designed for ages 0 to 5 and they're a whole lot of fun! See the class schedule and register today at [www.ccbcfamily.org/musikgarten](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/musikgarten).

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—just text "CCBCFW" to 77977 to get started.

