

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Have you ever built something by hand? Share the process you went through.

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. What does Psalm 126 mean to you? This is called a "Pilgrim Psalm". It reflects the struggle of the returned exiles.
3. Please read Nehemiah 6:1-15. What do you see in this passage?
 - How many days did it take Nehemiah to complete this project?
4. The wall was in ruins for 100 years. In what ways do we live with "rubble" in our life for an extended time?
 - What are some types of "rubble" that we might live with?
 - Do you think God can transform your rubble? If yes, then why hasn't God transformed it?
5. Pastor Ruben talked about how we can start building our life with the wrong brick. Can you give examples of the wrong brick that people might build with?
 - Compare with Isaiah 30:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:1-8. What do you see in these verses?
6. Please read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. What is the warning in this passage?
7. According to Nehemiah 6:16, what did people realize? Compare with Psalm 127:1-2.
8. What happened in Nehemiah 7:1-2?
9. According to Nehemiah 8:1-6, what happened?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- You have a God who RESTORES!
- You have a God who RESCUES!
- God will RESCUE you!
- If you want to build a successful life, then it starts with Jesus Christ. Jesus needs to be your Cornerstone.
- When you build your life on Christ Jesus, you have to continually surrender to God's will.
 - You have to die to yourself.
 - You have to rely on Him.
 - You have to trust Him.
 - You have to make sure every brick you use to build your life pleases God.
- If you want to build a great life, you need God's hand on every brick.
- If you want to build a new life, who you are on the inside is more important than what your building looks like on the outside.