

**Come Build With Me
Chip In
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Introduction/Recap

-this series is inspired by the book of Nehemiah in the OT

Nehemiah's passion was rooted in a contagious zeal for the promises of God to be made manifest...in his city, in his lifetime!

Will you be a Nehemiah in your.....!!!!!!

A Shared Reality

-We too are in need of deliverance...

1. Luke 4:18

2. (share about how Jesus on the cross affected me in 1990)
3. for some of you, tonight's message is about your own freedom...
4. But for the rest of us, this sermon and this series is a challenge to become a Nehemiah with me!

-Jesus promises: (connect to how Nehemiah was inspired to start building!)

the Holy Spirit, healing, salvation, justice, purpose, reconciliation, wisdom, revelation, eternity...our city, our lifetime!

>How about this promise?

1. John 17:3 (preach some here)

Sacred Places & Godly People

- All throughout Scripture we see that people found God in sacred places AND because of Godly people!
- (participation moment)

- *Come Build With Me is an invitation to join me in building this community here at City Life Church, where people can grow in the beauty of the character of Christ and to build on the reputation that 311 Selden Road is sacred soil!*
- what happened last week at this altar...that was no coincidence...God was giving us a glimpse of what He intends to build here...so I'm asking again...**will you come build with me?**

Nehemiah the Builder

-As Builders we have a holy sense of responsibility, a contagious zeal for the promises of God to be made manifest in our city, our lifetime...and Builders CHIP IN!

-Nehemiah's generosity...chipping in! (him and how he inspired others)

- Nehemiah 5:14-19 (resources, kingdom purpose, portions)
- Nehemiah 1:7-9 (is your passion and zeal inspiring others?)

Are You Building Here?

-What does chipping in look like here?

- 1. Priority percentage giving**
- 2. Monthly missions commitment**
- 3. Annual missions pledge**
- 4. Legacy offering**

-How are we doing?

1. 30% of family never give (highest % ever, tks notes list...)
2. (reasons not to give...)
3. But if those aren't your reasons...will you come build with me?
4. \$30k off pace (85% of budget met for first two quarters)
5. Missions giving is superb...averaging over \$4k per month!
6. Legacy Offering at \$24,000 of the \$40,000 we need...

Band

-That list of 4 ways to CHIP IN...will you give me 5 months?

-Nehemiah 13:15-16

-Our ability to build together here at City Life what God longs to create requires us all to examine our hearts in light of Scripture.

Close

-We'll be talking in this series about two other aspects of being a builder. A builder does more than just chip in...they show up and they help out...