

Rebuilding

Nehemiah 1-4

With God's help, we can rebuild.

How do we cooperate with God in this?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: How has the Carr fire affected you and the people you know?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read Nehemiah 1:1-4. What news did Nehemiah get? How did it affect him? What did he do in response?

What has it been like for you to pray in light of the fire? Have you found it easier? More difficult?

- Why do you think that is?

Read Nehemiah 3:6-12. (There are a lot of unfamiliar names in there—feel free to substitute “Bob” for any you can’t pronounce easily.) What do you notice about who did the work of rebuilding the walls?

As you think about what is ahead for our community, what do you think your part might be? How could you see God using you to help with our recovery and rebuilding?

What are some things that our church is really good at? How might God use Risen King in the recovery and rebuilding process in the months ahead?

Read Nehemiah 4:7-12. What external and internal obstacles did the Jews face as they worked to rebuild Jerusalem’s wall?

- What obstacles might our community face in the rebuilding process ahead?
- How did Nehemiah and the Jews respond? How can that inform our response to what we might face?

How can we pray for each other and our community?