Sermon Notes Sunday, April 7, 2024

"Making An Impact for the Kingdom"

"And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests."

Nehemiah 2:8

"When the Gracious Hand of God Is on You."

What is the church?

The church is a local assembly of believers empowered by the Holy Spirit to become kingdom-focused and disciple-strong.

The word "church" in Greek is "ekklesia" Which means "the called out ones."

1 Peter 2:9

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Why was the gracious hand of the Lord upon Nehemiah?

1. Nehemiah _____

Nehemiah 1:4

"When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.

2. Nehemiah _____

Nehemiah 1:6b-7 (NIV)

6 ...I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. 7 We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

3. Nehemiah _____

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

4. Nehemiah _____

Mark 11:23-24 (NIV)

23 "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.

24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

5. Nehemiah _____

1 John 3:21-22 (NIV)

21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God

22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.