

# REBUILD: SEEKING THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE

November 1-2, 2014 - Pastor Derwin L. Gray

- **Open in prayer.**
- **Introduction**
  - *The life you were created for is caring for the things that God cares about.*
  - *As God captures our heart, the more the things that capture His heart will capture our heart.*
  - *God will take an ordinary person in an extraordinary situation and will do supernatural things.*
  - How can these statements transform the way you currently live?
- **Read Nehemiah 2:10-16**
  - Nehemiah's life was good but he was concerned with the lives of others.
  - The greater we love God the greater we'll love all people.
  - He risked everything for the welfare of the people.

## HOW DO WE DEVELOP HEARTS THAT SEEK THE WELFARE OF PEOPLE?

- **Let God's vision become your vision.**
  - Read Nehemiah 2:10
  - Nehemiah's life was good, but he was concerned with the lives of others and he was driven by God's vision towards the needs of others.
  - Discuss the following statement: *God's vision is like a tractor beam that pulls us out of self-centeredness to God-centeredness, that sends us on mission towards other people-centeredness.*
  - Read Luke 10:25-29
  - A deeper love for God causes us to love our neighbors.
  - What is God's vision? (Hint: Upward, Inward, Outward)
  - Who is your neighbor? (be specific)
  - What does loving your neighbor mean in a practical sense?
- **Let God's vision move you past criticism.**
  - Read Nehemiah 2:10
  - When you decide to follow and trust Jesus, you will get criticized, made fun of, and ostracized.
  - Is God's vision and call for your life more important than your friends?
  - Who has your best interest in mind? Jesus or your friends?
  - How does following God's vision currently affect your life?
- **Let what breaks God's heart break your heart: Lost people and injustice!**
  - Read Matthew 4:19-20
  - *If your discipleship doesn't increase your capacity to see lost people come to Jesus your discipleship isn't worth much.*
  - How does this statement change the view some people have regarding discipleship? (information vs. transformation)
  - *Before you talk to people about Jesus, talk to Jesus about people.*
  - How does that statement change the way we share God's love with others?
  - As a group, pray the following:
    1. **To love God completely** *Celebrate all that He has done for us and worship Him for His overwhelming love and grace.*
    2. **To love ourselves correctly** *Recognize our identity is in Christ and Him alone.*
    3. **To love others compassionately** *Discover ways to be the heart, hands and feet of Christ in every area of our lives.*

- **Read Matthew 25:35-46**

- o If our community doesn't get better because we're here, we shouldn't be here.
- o Discuss our value of being a Servant Community: We are committed, by the Spirit's enabling power, to develop a biblical, servant-hearted community, in which we serve each other through our grace-gifts as we serve in our spheres of influence by being the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus.
- o How are we changing our community?
  - Indian Land Schools
  - Kershaw Prison
  - Children's Attention Home
  - Lancaster Pregnancy Center
- o As Transformers, we have several opportunities to seek the welfare of the people. Besides the ones listed above, there are other opportunities for TC Groups to serve in our community. Check them out on our website:  
[http://www.transformationchurch.tc/serve/tcoutreach/local/\\_assets/docs/TC\\_Group\\_Outreach\\_Opportunities.pdf](http://www.transformationchurch.tc/serve/tcoutreach/local/_assets/docs/TC_Group_Outreach_Opportunities.pdf)

- **Let God make you a worker and builder of the vision.**

- o Read Nehemiah 2:11-16
- o The Bible doesn't say pick up your cross and be comfortable.
- o Teamwork makes the dream work!
- o How are you a worker and builder of the vision?

- **Close in prayer**

- o Read Ephesians 3:16-21
- o Go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzn2tTBYpeg&list=TLM540nmTukfU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzn2tTBYpeg&list=TLM540nmTukfU) (TC Youtube Channel - EPHESIANS 3 VIDEO), watch the video, and then close in prayer.

**Soul-tattoo:** Pray and fast on Wednesday

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November 9, 6pm

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