

REBUILD: TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

November 8-9, 2014 - Pastor Derwin L. Gray

- **Open in prayer.**
- **God has called us to a work that is greater than us, and not just for us. He's called us to be influencers on the Church in America.**
 - o Here at TC, we say a vision of the future, transforms the way we live today. Our Vision is a vision of the future...that the church of today represents what heaven will look like as seen in Revelation 5:9.
 - o As westerners, we think in terms of "I" and "me". The Bible, written from an eastern perspective, speaks in plural terms "we" and "us". God wants us to join His narrative – for Him and His glory – not for our own individual needs or wants.
 - o Why is it that the world around us is diverse yet most of the churches in America aren't?
 - o Why is it important for us to be "color-blessed" and not "color-blind"?
 - o What is God's call on us as a church and as individuals? (Hint: Our Vision)
 - o How does living out the vision of TC influence the Church in America?
- **Each of us has a vital role to play in fulfilling our calling as a local church.**
 - o Team work makes the dream work!
 - o Read Nehemiah 2:17-20.
 - o Why did Nehemiah want to rebuild the wall?
 - o What did Nehemiah understand about teamwork?
 - o What did Nehemiah and the people face when they started rebuilding?

HOW DO WE GO ABOUT REBUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM AND OUR LIVES?

1. As we begin to care about God's glory, God begins to rebuild His Kingdom and our lives.

- Glory means "the fame of something or someone".
- **Read Nehemiah 2:17-18. They went from despair to repair...they began to rebuild.**
 - o What does Pastor Derwin mean when he said, "Jesus' goal isn't to get us to heaven when we die...His goal is to leave heaven and to reveal heaven to a 'world that looks like hell' through you and me"?
- Our culture says true life comes from everything but God. Yet we learn from Nehemiah that as we begin to care about God's glory He will give us true life.
- Think about these questions:
 - o How often are our prayers about stuff for us?
 - o How often are our prayers focused on His glory...His greater purpose?
 - o How often are our prayers focused on community?
 - o How often do we pray for adventure with God instead of our comfort?
 - o How often do we ask to join God's agenda instead of asking Him to join our agenda?
- Whatever we're concerned about, we need to roll up our sleeves and pour His Gospel love into it. We exist to display His glory... and He lives in and through us to display that glory.
 - o What things distract us from caring about displaying God's glory?
 - o What things are we doing at TC to be the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus? (Outreach/Care)

2. As we begin to believe that Teamwork Makes the Dream Work we rebuild God's Kingdom and our lives.

- Read Ephesians 4:11-16.
- The role of our leaders is to equip God's people. Every person at TC has a critical role to play. Our maturity in Christ is seen in our service.
- As Transformers, we want heads that grow in His knowledge, hearts that overflow with His upward, inward, outward love, and hands that serve others.
 - o How do our leaders at TC "equip God's people to do His work and build up the church"?
 - o What happens when we mature (serve) in our relationship with Christ?
 - o Why is it important that "each part does its own special work"?

3. As we, by faith begin to use our gifts to build God's Church, we rebuild God's Kingdom and our lives.

- **Maybe you feel like God can't use you. But God doesn't use the qualified, He takes the unqualified and qualifies them.**
 - o How often do you look at your challenges or circumstances instead of your gifts that God gave you?
 - o Discuss this phrase, "Stop telling God what He can't do and start living the life you were created to live".

- **Read and discuss Ephesians 4:16 and Nehemiah 3:8.**
 - o If you know Jesus, He can do things in and through you that you never thought were possible.
 - o Step into your fear, step into your destiny, step into His arms and step into the call God has on you.
 - o Look at the Ministry opportunities at TC.
 - TC Communications
 - TC Outreach
 - TC Teens
 - TC Guest Services
 - TC Production
 - TC Kids
 - TC Hospitality
 - TC Groups
 - TC Care
 - o Have several members of your group share about the area of ministry they serve.
 - o Encourage group members who aren't currently serving to pick an area and serve.
 - o Pray for each person to become a part of the teamwork that makes the dream work.

- **Read Nehemiah 2:19-20.**
 - o Recognize that you will be criticized when you choose to follow Christ. When you begin to pray and shift your life towards the things that matter to Jesus, watch how He shifts your life.
 - o Is it time for you to get off the bench and get into the game?
 - o If you're not currently serving, what's your next step?
 - o Our value of Servant Community states:
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.

- **Soul-tattoo: Sign up to serve!**
 - o Visit www.TransformationChurch.tc to sign up!

- **Close in prayer.**

CALENDAR

GRAND OPENING @ NEW TC 521 LOCATION

Sunday, November 30
9 & 11am

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Nov 15-16 Weekend