

Topic - Make Your Life Count
Passage - Nehemiah 7:1-73

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WELCOME [15 min]

You may want to look up the following websites for *icebreakers* suitable for your cell.

[Ice Breakers 1](#)

[Ice Breakers 2](#)

WORSHIP [15 min]

You may select songs like

1. Lord, I Offer My Life
2. Making A Difference

WORD [45 min]

Spiritual Objectives

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will commit to make their lives count by the testimony of their character; by their witness as a people set apart for God; and by devoting themselves fully to God's purposes.

Sermon Summary

To make our life count, we need to commit ourselves to the things that matter to God. What matters to God are:

1. Godly character – to be faithful, God-fearing, and watchful
2. A people set apart for God – to fulfil the role He has ordained for each of us
3. Our devotion to His purposes – to give sacrificially and to respond to God's call

Sermon Recap (Full Summary)

Nehemiah chapter 7 is a transition in the Book of Nehemiah. Chapters 1-6 describe the restoration of the wall of Jerusalem while chapters 8-13 tell about the restoration of the people of Judah. Ps Dinah shows us what truly matters to God in rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem, and in the same way, why they also matter to us today.

1. Godly Character Matters to God (vv.2-3)

- *Faithful.* We may not all be gifted, but we can all be faithful. God will not judge us by our talents but by how faithful we are with what He has given us. (See 1 Corinthians 4:2)

- *God-fearing.* Fear of God eliminates all other fears. When we are God-fearing, we will have the courage and conviction to serve, and by depending on Him and not on ourselves.
 - *Watchful.* We need to guard ourselves against the devil and give him no opportunity to penetrate the gates in our lives. Know what we are watching, listening, and speaking. Stay alert and be watchful of anything that may weaken our motivation to love and obey God.
2. **A people set apart for Him matters to God (vv.6-69)**
 - People matter to God. So people should matter to us
 - God has assigned us this period of time for His purposes in our sphere of influence (family, relationships, etc)
 3. **Our devotion to His purposes matter to God (vv.70-73)**
 - We must see our resources not as ours, but as belonging to God. Therefore, we must use it as how God wants us to use it – for His purposes. We imprison ourselves when we make our resources our security.
 - Commitment is never about convenience.
 - Families is a vehicle God uses for the extension of His kingdom.

Discussion Questions

1. **Read Nehemiah 7:1-3. What did Nehemiah do when the wall was completed? Who did he put in charge and why? What qualities do you see in the people he appointed?**

2. **The enemy uses unguarded gates to attack us. Are you guarding your “eye gate”, your “mouth gate”, your “ear gate” and your “heart gate”? What measures do you have in place to keep yourself uncorrupted and pure in the sight of God? (See Ephesians 4:17-32)**

3. **We should be alert and aware. We should understand our weaknesses and take appropriate measures to protect ourselves from temptation in those areas. What are some examples on how you can do this?**

WORKS [10 min]

Let's pray for the following pointers:

1. Response to Message

- That we as believers of Christ will commit ourselves to things that matter – that our lives will count for the kingdom of God while we are here on this earth.

2. COVID-19 – Phase 2

- Pray for Christians to continue to grow and share the good news during this season.
- Pray for the recovery of our economy, locally and internationally

3. Elections

- Pray that as the country enters into a season of elections, that wise and godly leaders will be appointed.
 - Pray that God will be sovereign over who gets elected into the various seats.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Reading Plan.

You can access the latest Bible Reading Plan by visiting www.riverlifeorg.sg/brp.

2. 40.day 2020 (July 1 to August 9)

40.Day prayer guide is published online at <https://lovesingapore.org.sg/40day/2020>. Prayer entries will be posted one day at a time starting today, 1 Jul. Let us join the body of Christ in Singapore in seeking the Lord! For more information, kindly visit LoveSingapore's Facebook page.



"HONOUR GOD WITH EVERYTHING YOU OWN;
GIVE HIM THE FIRST AND THE BEST."
PROVERBS 3:9 (MSG)

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1. PayNow

Log in to your bank's existing mobile banking app.
Scan this QR code on the right.

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2. Interbank Transfer

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DBS Autosave 029-902431-0
Bank Code: 7171
Branch Code: 029



Church Vision

"A radiant disciple-making church catalysing Kingdom transformation in our communities and the nations."

Mission

We exist to make disciples who behold Christ and reveal Him.

