## APRIL 17, 2021 "THE RESTORING BUILDER"

Scripture Focus: Nehemiah 2:11-20

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT Saturday at 6:00 pm

## PREPARING FOR HIS RETURN



"If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use.

Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work."

**2 TIMOTHY 2:21 NLT** 

PASSIONATELY LEADING OTHERS TO CHRIST SHIFTING INTO GEAR TO BE USED BY GOD



First Pentecostal Family Worship Center



# Christ Our Living "Blessed be the God and Father of

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

**1 PETER 1:3 ESV** 



**APRIL 2021** 



#### KEY WORDS

PREPARATION

HOPE

VISION

CULTURE

STRATEGY

PASSION

#### Icebreaker Question #1

Why is it important that God's powerful hand (guidance) be at work in your daily life?

#### Icebreaker Question #2

## How can we experience spiritual renewal in our life?

#### Bonus Question #1

Why is buy-in so important when bringing about change, building, or rebuilding?

#### Bonus Question #2

#### Why is vision important?

#### LESSON NUGGET

# THERE MUST FIRST BE IDENTITY BEFORE THERE CAN BE UNITY.

#### VISION SCRIPTURE – Proverbs 29:18

WHAT IS VISION?

- Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) Where [there is] no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy [is] he.
- ▶ Proverbs 29:18 (CSB) Without revelation people run wild, but one who follows divine instruction will be happy.
- Proverbs 29:18 (NIV) Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

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- Proverbs 29:18 (AMP) Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man]—blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he. [I Samuel 3:1; Amos 8:11, 12.]

### KEY WORDS FOR BUILDING



**CULTURE** - What we do



**VISION** - Where are we going?



VALUES - What we believe or value (Who we are)



MISSION - The What of the Organization



STRATEGY - How do we do it?



PURPOSE - Why?

#### MISSION - VISION - STRATEGY

- ► MISSION Changing lives for the better through the Word of God: (Hearer & Doer of God's Word)
- ► VISION Helping others succeed in their daily spiritual walk: (Spiritual Growth)
- STRATEGY To encourage and equip believers to pursue intimacy with Jesus Christ and to influence others: (Walk & Talk)

- ► Nehemiah 1:3-4 (KJV): He saw a need Passion Ownership – Koinonia
- <sup>3</sup> And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.
- <sup>4</sup> And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

- ► Psalms 119:33-36 (KJV): Lord teach me Spiritual preparation
- <sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.
- <sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
- <sup>35</sup> Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.
- <sup>36</sup> Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Continued...

- ▶ 2 Chronicles 31:20–21 (KJV): Seeking the Lord for direction & renewal
- <sup>20</sup> And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the LORD his God.
- <sup>21</sup> And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

- ▶ 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (CSB): Temporary vs. Eternal Sight
- <sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day.
- <sup>17</sup> For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory.
- <sup>18</sup> So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

#### BUILDING SCRIPTURES

- Proverbs 24:3 (KJV): Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:
- Proverbs 24:6 )KJV): For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors [there is] safety.
- **Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NLT):** Using a dull ax requires great strength, so sharpen the blade. That's the value of wisdom; it helps you succeed.





#### CONCLUSION

"Without a Vision the people perish, but without the Lord we all perish." - Pastor E.R. Hess, Sr.

We need a Godly Vision. Lord Help us to see as You see and to Run with Your Vision.

"And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make [it] plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." Habakkuk 2:2 (KJV)

## NEXT WEEK'S LESSON The Nation's Plea Lamentations 5:1-22

#### ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why is repentance essential to spiritual life?
- 2. How would you comfort and guide someone who feels forgotten by God?

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