

Friday

"We know what real love is because Christ gave up his life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters." – 1 John 3:16

Reflection

1. What are some sacrifices God is calling us to make – as a church and individually?
2. Thank Jesus for the sacrifice He made for us, and pray that we can follow His example.

Saturday

"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." – Jeremiah 29:12-13

Reflection

1. Review some of the notes you have made this week. What has God revealed to you?
2. Nehemiah sought God's guidance through prayer and fasting. Will you commit to fasting from something (i.e., TV, lunch, music) this next week?

Prayer Points

Galatians 5:13 tells us to "serve one another in love." While this includes serving in the church, we also desire to have a lifestyle of service outside of the church – with our family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors. It won't be easy; it will take humility and intentional sacrifice. But it's worth it. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help each of us, and our ministries as a whole, develop this lifestyle of putting others before ourselves.

- Leadership
- Children's Ministries
- Student Ministries
- Adult Ministries
- Mission & Outreach
- Community Care & Counseling
- Worship & Creative Arts
- Support Ministries

Personal Prayer Notes

Do you have any personal prayer requests? Do you want to thank God for something specific He is doing in your life? Use the space below to record these things. Be sure to review them later to see how God responds.

Whole Hearted Jeremiah 29:13



Seeking the will of God for our church and community

Week Three: Service

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Service: *Sacrificial Love*

Nehemiah 3, 7, & 11

Our prayer is for God to reveal his desires to you about how we can grow together with our community. If you would like to share what God has been revealing to you, follow these simple steps:

1. Record your thoughts in our online prayer journal at wccconnect.com
2. Record your thoughts in the printed prayer journal and drop it in the offering basket or at the info center.

You may download from wccconnect.com a pdf to print a second copy to record your thoughts on and turn back in.

We will select some thoughts to share for reflection online, however these will be displayed anonymously.

“The Fish Gate was built by the sons of Hassenaah. They did the whole thing – laid the beams, hung the doors, and put the bolts and bars in place.”
– Nehemiah 3:3

Nehemiah may have directed the rebuilding of Jerusalem, but he could not rebuild the city by himself. It is estimated that 50,000 people moved to Jerusalem and the surrounding towns in order to join Nehemiah in this great ministry.

As the leader of this giant project, Nehemiah kept track of who was helping him and what part of the wall they worked on. He watched over them, prayed for them, and encouraged them to continue working, even when others threatened them. He also noted when families served together (like Shallum and his daughters, and the sons of Hassenaah).

These were everyday, ordinary people who gave up the only life they had ever known and started over in a city that had been destroyed. These people worked regular jobs as perfumers, goldsmiths, merchants, and gatekeepers. People just like us. Not only did they volunteer to help rebuild the wall, they dedicated their lives to serving others.

We see this as they stand guard all night to protect the city against enemies. Families donate robes, animals, and money to the Temple. Everything they did showed that they were willing to sacrifice in order to benefit the entire community.

And *that* is what we seek to learn from them this week. How can we serve others – not just in the church, but in our personal lives as well? What kind of sacrifices can we make to show others that we love them? How can we continually put others first instead of ourselves?

Monday

“...serve one another through love.” – Galatians 5:13b

Reflection

1. What are some practical ways that we can serve one another? How can we serve our family, friends, boss, and colleagues?
2. Ask God to open our eyes and make us sensitive to the needs of others. Pray that we would learn to put others before ourselves.

Tuesday

“For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.” – Matthew 20:28

Reflection

1. Jesus served others in many ways, giving up not only His time and energy, but His own life. How did this impact other people?
2. Prayerfully consider how we – as individuals and as a church – can sacrifice in order to show love to others.

Wednesday

“Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ.”
– Ephesians 6:5b

Reflection

1. Why is it so important to serve with sincerity? To truly give from the depth of our heart instead of faking our way through it?
2. Pray for those who come to WCC, that we would be able to serve with sincerity of heart.

Thursday

“There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving.”
– 1 Corinthians 12:5

Reflection

1. What are your spiritual gifts? How can you use them to serve others?
2. Pray that we would truly be “one body” (no division, no jealousy), each person using his or her gifts in order to build up the church.
