

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Nehemiah 5 – People Matter

- 1) Can you give an example of 'God's gracious hand' in your life?

- 2) Read **Nehemiah 5 v1-19**.
What from Michel's message did you find particularly challenging or helpful? Why?

- 3) Read **Matthew 6 v25-34**
 - a) What assurance do believers have about God's financial provision?

 - b) Have you ever experienced 'poverty/debt' or such traumatic financial experience?

 - c) What has helped you to reconcile it with God's immeasurable greatness?

 - d) How can you help others going through a similar experience?

 - e) Have you ever had to cancel someone else's debt?

 - f) How does the message motivate you to do this?

- 4) Read **Numbers 11 v1-9**
 - a) What do you think the people were complaining about?

 - b) What does God do about it?

c) Do you tend to complain when facing negative experiences? Indicate where you would be on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 = never, 10 = always).

5) Read **Matthew 18 v15-17**

a) Have you ever had to put this into practice?

b) What was or do you think would be the most difficult thing to do?

c) How does forgiveness fit into it?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Acts 6 v1-7**

a) What was the problem the church were facing in this passage?

b) What is the similarity in this passage to **Nehemiah 5**?

c) How did the apostles handle the complaint?

d) Explain all the reasons why their solution was particularly wise?

e) How do you think the 7 people chosen felt about their role?

f) What possible problems could this solution have created?

g) How does this passage relate to **1 Corinthians 12** where the church is described as a body?

h) What were the results of this solution?

i) Are there areas in your local church where you could help bring a similar solution?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

There is a **Daytime Alpha Course** (ladies only) starting on **Wednesday 26th February**. Please pray for Jo and Georgette as they help to run this course. Pray for friendships to develop and for people to engage with what Rich speaks about.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

The **CAP Money Course** is on **6th, 13th & 20th March at 7.30pm**. Please let Al Pickering know if you're interested. For more info go to <http://capuk.org/i-want-help/cap-money-course>

A **Church Lunch** with **Lesotho Team Feedback** is on **Sunday 30th March**. The food will be 'bring and share' organised through small groups. Speak to your group leader if you're planning to come.

Catalyst Festival 2014 is from **Sat 24th to Wed 28th May**. This event is a great time together with other churches and includes worship, great teaching, children's work and social time. Book your tickets before prices go up on **28th February**. Pick up a flyer in the foyer or visit www.catalystnetwork.org/festival for more information.