

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Nehemiah 6 – Making Progress

1) In what area of your life do you feel you have made progress recently?

2) Read **Nehemiah 6 v1-18**.

From Rich's message, what one point do you most hope to discuss in your small group? Why?

3) Read **Matthew 13 v31-32**

a) In what way is God's kingdom like a mustard seed?

b) How does this encourage us for progress in building church?

4) Read **1 Corinthians 14 v1-12**

a) What does this passage say prophecy does for a church? How do you think it does this?

b) Have you had personal experience of either prophesying or receiving prophecy?

c) How does this passage instruct us to be personally involved in prophecy? How could you respond to that instruction?

5) Read **1 Corinthians 14 v26**

a) In what ways does this verse say we can contribute in corporate worship?

b) What is the purpose of these contributions in worship?

c) How could you seek to contribute during worship on Sundays?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Revelation 21 v9-27**

- a) What does the bible consistently identify with 'the bride of Christ'?
- b) Why is Jesus referred to as 'the Lamb'?
- c) What does the angel show John straight after saying he will show him the 'bride of the Lamb'?
- d) What does the holy city, the new Jerusalem represent? Why?
- e) What do you think are the significance of the two sets of names written on the city?
- f) What is the significance of the absence of a temple in the city?
- g) What is the significance of the lack of night and of external illumination?
- h) What, if anything, do you think this passage tells us about what eternal life will be like? Why?
- i) Who are the inhabitants of the city? In what ways might this seem in tension with the identification of the city in question d)? How could this tension be resolved?
- j) How should this passage shape your thinking about i) the church? ii) Heaven?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

The **Daytime Alpha Course** started on **Wednesday 26th February**. Please continue to 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.

We have a **Gift Day** on **March 30th**. Begin to pray about what God is calling you to give. It would be great to have yet another large gift day to continue funding all the work going on in the church.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

We are having a **Baptism Service** in the not too distant future (TBC). If you haven't been baptised but would like to be, please speak to Rich or Al.

Jeff and Cat are standing down as **Small Group Leaders**. Jack Griffiths will be leading this small group and Cat will support him in a deputy role.

King's Church Lewes needs **YOU!** Team Leaders are raising awareness of **Serving in the Church** over the next few weeks. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please speak to the team leader or one of the elders about how best to get involved.