



The Common Good: A Generosity Model with the Community at Its Center

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TEXT: Nehemiah Chapters 1 & 2

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Nehemiah 2:18b

BREAKOUT GROUPS

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- 1. Where do you see God in the text?**
- 2. What does this text teach us about living in community?**

Through the lens of the common good:

Surveying the Kingdom in Your Location

Would God be pleased?

Where are the strongholds?

Where is the vulnerability?

Through the lens of the common good:

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How are the people doing?

Who is secure?

Who remains vulnerable?

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Who are the allies/co-laborers?

What is your neighbor's vision?

What do you have to share to
make your neighbor's vision a reality?

EXPLORE

- Assess your assets
- Assess community assets through relationships with the community
- Assess community opportunities through relationships with the community
- Assess community challenges through relationships with the community

EXPLORE

- Entrepreneurship
- Vocational Discernment and Training
- Real Estate Development
- Service Needs
- Historical Significance

EXPLORE

- What's the relationship between community and elected officials?
- What's the relationship between community and law enforcement?
- What's the relationship between community and major employers?

EXPLORE

- How is the community accruing wealth?
- How is the community portrayed by media?
- How is the community supported by the budget locally, by the state, and federally?

UNCOVER

- What did your exploration uncover?
- Where did you see God in all this?
- Who is your neighbor?
- What is your neighbor's vision?

UNLEASH RESOURCES

- Join in creating your neighbor's vision
- Join in creating a collective vision for your community.
- Aim for resources that change lives and draw the community together.

CO-CREATORS

- In urban settings, the close proximity of your neighbors make co-creation possible.
- In building resources in urban settings that co-creation must be profitable.
- The dependency upon an offering plate is naïve at best.

CO-CREATORS

- I suggest there are monetary geniuses in any given five-mile radius in any large city.
- A person with modest income does not equal a poor money manager.
- Find the vision God has planted in the community.

CO-CREATORS

- Some partners must come from outside of the community.
- Their commitment is not greater than anyone else's even if the monetary impact is.
- Sharing in mission is a point for celebration not shame.

BREAKOUT GROUPS

- 1. What's the condition of the kingdom where you are serving?**
- 2. Where is the wall in disrepair and where is it standing strong?**
- 3. Can you see God's provision?**

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FALL DATES

Thursday, Oct. 15th
6:30-8PM

Thursday, Nov. 5th
6:30-8PM

Thursday, Jan. 14th
6:30-8PM

