

Pacific Growth Group – Sermon Questions

Week of November 2nd, 2025

Sermon Series: The Build – An Exploration into Nehemiah

Sermon Theme: “It Costs to Build!”

Primary Text(s): Nehemiah 5.

1. Read Nehemiah 5.

2. Opening Reflection.

a. Prompt for Leaders: Point toward Holy-Spirit awareness, not guilt.

i. *“What might God be inviting you to sacrifice as you join in what He is building in the world today?”*

1. *Follow-Up(s): How can our group support or pray with each other in responding to God’s invitations to us?*

ii. *Which cost spoke to you most: vulnerability, convenience, or resources?*

1. *Follow-Up(s): What made that one feel most personal or relevant right now?*

3. Vulnerability (Nehemiah 5:1-5).

a. Prompt for Leaders: Acknowledge emphatically each person’s potential struggles and avoid pressure; let people self-determine the level of sharing.

i. *In your life, where do you tend to choose self-reliance over vulnerability?*

1. *Follow-Up(s): Who is one trusted person you could invite into your life this season?*

4. Convenience (Nehemiah 5:6-13).

a. Prompt for Leaders: Emphasize grace and growth; not condemnation.

i. *Can you recall a time you sensed God interrupting your plans?*

1. *Follow-Up(s): How did you respond, and what did you learn?*

ii. *Which areas of life are hardest for you to surrender convenience?*

1. *Follow-Up(s): What incremental embraced practices might help create margin this week?*

5. Resources (Nehemiah 5:14-19).

a. Prompt for Leaders: Point to trust, mission, kingdom impact, and keeping Jesus as the center, our Benefactor.

i. *Why do you think God invites us to hold our time, gifts, money, influence, etc. loosely?*

1. *Follow-Up(s): How does remembering that Jesus paid the ultimate cost change our attitude toward sacrificing resources God has given to us?*

2. *How does grace empower obedience instead of pressure?*

6. Closing Reflections & Prayer

a. *One sentence prayer each: "Lord, give me grace to... (be vulnerable / embrace holy inconvenience / give with open hands)."*