

2024-12-29 - Nehemiah: Burden, Prayer and Perseverance

Summary

The sermon shared by Matthew and Alison Ja Eue, highlights their missionary journey and calling to serve the unreached Isaan people in Northeast Thailand. Matthew's journey began amidst conflict in Myanmar, leading to a life dedicated to ministry. The sermon draws parallels with the story of Nehemiah, emphasizing the importance of responding to God's burden, the power of prayer, and perseverance through trials. The sermon also shares historical missionary stories, illustrating the impact of prayer and the need for partnership in missions.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for gathering us here today. Open our hearts and minds to receive what You have for us through this discussion. May we be sensitive to Your calling and burden for the unreached, and may our time together be fruitful and guided by Your Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What is one place in the world you have always wanted to visit and why?

Key Verses

1. Nehemiah 1:4
2. Romans 10:14-15
3. Ephesians 6:12
4. Matthew 28:19

Questions

1. What stood out to you most about Matthew and Alison's story?
2. How does Nehemiah's response to the burden for Jerusalem inspire you?
3. Why is prayer so crucial in the face of challenges and opposition?
4. Have you ever felt a burden for a specific group or cause? How did you respond?
5. What role do you think perseverance plays in fulfilling God's calling?
6. How can we support missionaries like Matthew and Alison in practical ways?
7. What does the analogy of the chopsticks teach us about partnership in missions?
8. How can we apply the lessons from Nehemiah and the missionaries' stories to our own lives?

Life Application

This week, identify one person or group you feel burdened for and commit to praying for them daily. Consider how you might take action to support or reach out to them.

Key Takeaways

1. God places burdens on our hearts to guide us to action.
2. Prayer is a powerful tool in overcoming challenges and spiritual battles.
3. Perseverance is essential in fulfilling God's calling, despite opposition.
4. Partnership in missions is crucial, involving both those who go and those who support.
5. God's hand is necessary to bring about the harvest and accomplish the impossible.

Ending Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the stories and lessons shared today. Help us to carry the burdens You place on our hearts with prayer and action. May we be faithful partners in Your mission, trusting in Your power to accomplish what seems impossible. Guide us as we seek to make a difference in the lives of those who have yet to hear of Your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.