# LIFE GROUPS Sermon Notes



## PRAISE GOD IN THE RUBBLE AND THE TROUBLE

#### Nehemiah 4:10-23

In the midst of the rubble of Jerusalem we see how Nehemiah rallies a nation and renews their vision of what they were accomplishing for God. When the leaders praise, serve and protect the people, it renews the culture and this is effective whether you are rebuilding a nation, a business or a marriage.

Like Nehemiah, we are living in a nation surrounded by rubble and we are involved in a prophetic project that is more than a building process. It is a prophetic picture in the midst of a nation that is swirling, and we are taking a stand for God by praising Him, by serving Him and protecting the church and the people of God in this place.

### "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes." - Neh 4:14

We pray that every person that comes into our church on a Sunday, or our life groups during the week will be in touch with God, they will feel in some way that they've been served, and they will feel that they are safe.

#### Questions

- 1. What is the rubble you are believing to be restored?
- 2. Praise, serve, protect; where is God challenging you to engage more?
- 3. What is the vision of church, family or South Africa that you are believing for?
- 4. In a nation saturated with negative voices, how do we find hope for change, the courage to be confident, to be the positive voices our country needs?

## PRAISE | SERVE | PROTECT

