

Dying to Selfishness

Nehemiah 5

4 Hindrances of Selfishness

- 1) Selfishness hinders TRUE COMMUNITY.
- 2) Selfishness hinders TRANSFORMATIVE DISCIPLESHIP.
- 3) Selfishness hinders SACRIFICIAL SERVICE.
- 4) Selfishness hinders COMPASSIONATE MISSION.

Discussion Starters

- 1) Jeremy talked about how living in community is hard, why is that and what are some of the necessary steps we must take in order for us to break down some of the barriers in community?
- 2) How does selfishness in your heart keep you from growing as a disciple of Jesus? How can we help one another grow in these areas?
- 3) Nehemiah shares that he has the right to demand the people provide him with food and shares that the previous governors had demanded that, but Nehemiah saw that it created a burden on the people that he didn't want to create. It was selfless to serve the needs of others at the expense of his own comfort, but it is a powerful example of the Gospel. How are you challenged by this?
- 4) When you think about all the people you come into contact with throughout the week you can likely think of at least 1 or 2 who either is not a believer or you aren't sure about. Have you prayed for them? Have you sought out a relationship with them that would hopefully give you an opportunity to share Jesus with them? Has the way you spoke, acted, or treated them representative of how Jesus would have treated them? Why or why not?