

Sermon Outline / Change your story - Working together to rebuild the wall / Nehemiah 3

1. What I want you to think about today is your story. We know from the Bible God wants to bring transformation into your life...He wants us to be more like Jesus...he wants to change our story. So as you listen to the message today how would God like to change your story?

2. The d_____ of a character in the story disclose or tell about the character of the character. (Character of who they are inside)
3. This was the gate through which the animals were brought into the city, including the temple sacrifices. The s_____ gate.
4. **The story of: Leaders must set the e_____.** Paul tells us in *1 Cor. 11:1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*
5. **The story of: God uses all kinds of p_____.** *John 14:12 "The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.*
6. **The story of: Some people will not w_____.** *Galatians 6:3 If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody.*
7. **The story of: Some do m_____ work.** *Col. 3:23 Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.*
8. **The story of: Some work with p_____.** *Psalms 128:2 You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How happy you will be! How rich your life!*
9. **The story of: Some work as f_____.** *Mark 12:30-31 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'*
10. Change the story of your neighborhood. Friends, look at your neighbors as your mission field. Befriend them. Serve them. Pray for them. I want to challenge each of you to identify 5 neighbors that live near you and then commit to do three things Prayer Care Share. As you pray for them, God will give you opportunities to care for their needs, which will open up avenues to share the Good News.
11. As we close today let us focus on our Saviour's story whose story ultimately intersects with our story.
 - *Luke 15:4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?"*
 - In John 13 Jesus performs the lowliest of jobs by washing the feet of the disciples.
 - *Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet he did not sin.*
 - *1Peter 2:24 Jesus personally carried away our sins in his own body on the cross so we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. You have been healed by his wounds!*
12. What is the Lord teaching you today and what would He like you to do? What was an invitation challenge today? Take time to ponder on this today and this week. How does the Lord want to change your story?
