



Talk summary:

Brokenness towards God and a call to rebuild [Nehemiah 1 and Nehemiah 6]

1. Nehemiah's grief [Nehemiah 1:1-4]
 - a. Nehemiah asks questions and hears the devastating news
 - b. When we reflect on challenges in our lives it can be tough to understand why God allowed these – but no experience is wasted
2. Nehemiah's cry and appeal to God [Nehemiah 1:5-11]
 - a. Nehemiah cries out to God, reflects on past failures and recognises the role he himself has to play
 - b. When we ask God to speak to us we need to listen and go
 - c. We need to understand each part of the journey is different, and this may include times of brokenness
3. Rebuilding complete despite opposition [Nehemiah 6:15-16]
 - a. We should take a bit of time to use what's in our hands - take time and perseverance to rebuild or build for God's glory
 - b. Sometimes we need to get into the woods, a quiet place, and hear what God has to say
 - c. Just because a call changes it does not mean it is wrong. Listen out for the new call

Questions:

Conversation Starter

1. *Think about times in your life when your direction seemed clear then changed unexpectedly*
2. *Looking back, what doors did God open when you built something new ?*
3. *What opportunities are there to build or rebuild in Wallington or more widely in the London diocese of Southwark?*
4. *May God be calling you to reskill ?*

What is God calling Springfield to re/build?

What resources do you need ?

Who will build alongside you ?

How will you persevere in opposition ?

Whom is the Holy Spirit asking you to stand alongside ?

