



# ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## **SERMON STUDY & DISCUSSION OUTLINE**

### **God's Calling & Vision Series (Nehemiah):**

- #1 – If God is calling us to do something important in SJ, how do we begin?
- #2 – Why should I care about what God is calling us to do?
- #3 – How do we keep on “doing” church when things are not going great?
- #4 – How can we keep on being passionate?
- #5 – Remaining faithful when we don't feel it

## **10.24.2021 – If God is calling us to do something important in SJ, how do we begin?**

**Proverbs 29:18** – without a vision, a people perish

### **Vision of the future for St. James**

A revitalized St. James Presbyterian Church whose leadership and congregation are Gospel-grounded, missionally active, and growing.

### **How did Nehemiah begin rebuilding the ruined walls of Jerusalem (Nehemiah 1:1-10)**

- Cared, cried, confessed, asked God's help
- Used his smarts, connections, resources
- Inspected/analyzed the walls (problem) then planned
- Explained the trouble/disgrace to the people, assured them of God's call, grace and provisions
- Assured of God's help, the people committed (Nehemiah 2:17-18)

### **Ask yourself...**

- Why should St. James matter to me?
- I already have more than enough cares in my life. Why add more?
- Is God really calling me to help rebuild St. James? What if I refuse?
- If I take part in rebuilding St. James, what's in it for me and my family?

### **Today, St. James needs people to:**

- Do tech support for our live/recorded worship recording
- Start planning community outreach activities: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year
- Play piano, guitar, etc.
- Invite, organize, and motivate the men!
- Invite, Invite, Invite!

### **When we see St. James becoming the church God calls us to be and to do...**

- Always remember this: you and your family matter to God. God loves you!
- Little by little, we will see God's miracles in our lives
- God's purpose is to show His grace, mercy and power through you and the church