



## **Love Builds Bridges**

### **Ice Breaker**

You have to sing karaoke, what song do you pick?

### **Series Overview:**

We are focusing on what it looks like to build bridges and how to be a bridge builder in your community

**Sermon Summary:** Key Scriptures to read out loud- Nehemiah 4:13-23 and Ephesians 6:10-18

- 1) Stand in the gap and intercede for those going through difficult situations rather than accusing them. Run towards those hurting and stand with them. Be slow to speak and quick to listen.
- 2) God is always bigger than the problems we face. Trust in Him and don't let fear be a roadblock to what God wants to accomplish.
- 3) Pray for your enemy. Ephesians 6 tells us to be equipped with God's armor. Don't show hate to person but ask how God would have you pray for them.

### **Key Takeaways:**

- Nehemiah equipped his team to cover each other in prayer
- Stand in the gap for others
- When the trumpet would sound, it was time to cover for the people that were under attack. Vs. 20
- Put on the full armor of God
- The sword is the Word of God. If you find yourself in a battle- you need to pick up the word of God, immerse yourself in scripture before the battle also.
- Intercession is standing in the gap for others
- Nehemiah understood unity and fighting together, stay connected and fight together. Rally around each other.

### **Questions:**

1. How do you run to someone who you see is hurting? Do you pray for them, provide meals, etc?
2. What does it look like to be controlled by your oppressor?
3. What would it look like for you to give a situation to God and become free? Who should you ask to intercede with you?
4. What stands out to you about Nehemiah's life?
5. Some people are less likely to share when they are experiencing pain or suffering. How as a group can we help them and intercede for them?