

### Nehemiah Series #3

#### Leading By Example

1. *Mission and Reality. The beach mission conundrum.*

2. *Problems—5:1-9*

*Problems faced by the Jews*

*Wicked Officials*

*Fear of God 5:9*

*Will History Repeat? (Deut 15)*

3. *Response—5:9-19*

*Jubilee (Leviticus 25)*

*Oath*

*Frugal food—Rather than feasting from the tough*

4. *Problems on the horizon*

*Personal appeal—1:19.*

5. *Conclusion:*

*Servant King—  
Philippians 2*



### Nehemiah 5

#### Social Injustice

5 There was a widespread outcry from the people and their wives against their Jewish countrymen. <sup>2</sup>Some were saying, “We, our sons, and our daughters are numerous. Let us get grain so that we can eat and live.” <sup>3</sup>Others were saying, “We are mortgaging our fields, vineyards, and homes to get grain during the famine.” <sup>4</sup>Still others were saying, “We have borrowed money to pay the king’s tax on our fields and vineyards. <sup>5</sup>We and our children are just like our countrymen and their children, yet we are subjecting our sons and daughters to slavery. Some of our daughters are already enslaved, but we are powerless because our fields and vineyards belong to others.”

<sup>6</sup>I became extremely angry when I heard their outcry and these complaints. <sup>7</sup>After seriously considering the matter, I accused the nobles and officials, saying to them, “Each of you is charging his countrymen interest.” So I called a large assembly against them <sup>8</sup>and said, “We have done our best to buy back our Jewish countrymen who were sold to foreigners, but now you sell your own countrymen, and we have to buy them back.” They remained silent and could not say a word. <sup>9</sup>Then I said, “What you are doing isn’t right. Shouldn’t you walk in the fear of our God and not invite the reproach of our foreign enemies? <sup>10</sup>Even I, as well as my brothers and my servants, have been lending them money and grain. Please, let us stop charging this interest. <sup>11</sup>Return their fields, vineyards, olive groves, and houses to them immediately, along with the percentage of the money, grain, new wine, and olive oil that you have been assessing them.”

<sup>12</sup>They responded: “We will return these things and require nothing more from them. We will do as you say.”

So I summoned the priests and made everyone take an oath to do this. <sup>13</sup>I also shook the folds of my robe and said, “May God likewise shake from his house and property everyone who doesn’t keep this promise. May he be shaken out and have nothing!”

The whole assembly said, “Amen,” and they praised the LORD. Then the people did as they had promised.

#### Good and Bad Governors

<sup>14</sup>Furthermore, from the day King Artaxerxes appointed me to be their governor in the land of Judah—from the twentieth year until his thirty-second year, 12 years—I and my associates never ate from the food allotted to the governor. <sup>15</sup>The governors who preceded me had heavily burdened the people, taking food and wine from them, as well as a pound of silver. Their subordinates also oppressed the people, but I didn’t do this, because of the fear of God. <sup>16</sup>Instead, I devoted myself to the construction of the wall, and all my subordinates were gathered there for the work. We didn’t buy any land.

<sup>17</sup>There were 150 Jews and officials, as well as guests from the surrounding nations at my table. <sup>18</sup>Each day, one ox, six choice sheep, and some fowl were prepared for me. An abundance of all kinds of wine was provided every 10 days. But I didn’t demand the food allotted to the governor, because the burden on the people was so heavy.

<sup>19</sup>Remember me favorably, my God, for all that I have done for this people.

# Rosters

Date	Time	Warden	Service Leader	Preacher	Welcomers	Morning Tea	Bible Readers	Sound Desk	Computer	Kids Spot	Prayer
4 February, 2018 10am Gathering	10:00 AM	Aspland, Chris	Bliss, Peter	Chappell, John	Chappel, Kylie	Fernando, Elizabeth	Walker, Glenn Chijian, Yervant		Aspland, Chris	Chappell, Joseph	Bliss, Peter
11 February, 2018 10am Gathering	10:00 AM	Bliss, Peter	Aspland, Chris	Chappell, John	Bliss, Eula	Parker, Nicole	Bliss, Peter Chappell, Kylie		Walker, Glenn	Chappell, John	Fernando, Elizabeth
18 February, 2018 10am Gathering	10:00 AM	Gosling, Francis	Chappell, John	Chappell, John	Fernando, Elizabeth	Fernando, Peter	Aspland, Chris Chijian, Yervant		Wu, Rick	Chappell, Joseph	Bliss, Peter
25 February, 2018 10am Gathering	10:00 AM	Aspland, Chris	Bliss, Peter	Chappell, John	Chappel, Kylie	Cholakyan, Tina	Walker, Glenn Aspland, Chris		Chijian, Yervant	Chappell, John	Fernando, Elizabeth

Date	Time	Warden	Service Leader	Preacher	Welcomers	Tea & Coffee	Dinner	Bible Readers	Prayer	Rotating Spot	Sound desk	Computer	DG Leader	West Ryde Transport
4 February, 2018 5pm Gathering	5:00 PM	Gosling, Francis			Wiliam, Laurer Walsh, Laura	Chappell, Kylie		Chappell, Ruth Aspland, Chris	Billingham, Arthur		Chappell, Joseph	Fairwood, Luke		
11 February, 2018 5pm Gathering	5:00 PM	Bliss, Peter			Robertson, Sarah Chappell, Kylie	Chappell, Ruth		Heap, Chris	Billingham, Arthur		Thomson, Aden	Chappell, Joseph		
18 February, 2018 5pm Gathering	5:00 PM	Aspland, Chris			Williams, Jacob Risek, Eula			Bliss, Peter Billingham, Arthur			Li, Raphael	Fritchard, James		
25 February, 2018 5pm Gathering	5:00 PM	Gosling, Francis			Walsh, Laura Robertson, Sarah	Chappell, Ruth		Chichen, Daniel Aspland, Chris	Billingham, Arthur		Chappell, Joseph	Eastwood, Luke		

## PRAYER POINTS

Prayer points are compiled in the church office. Please email

- Thank God for celebration service this morning. Thank God for the many conversations pointing families towards Jesus and his Kingdom
- Pray for ongoing staffing discussions finalising this week.
- Thank God for SRE at Ryde East last week and pray for classes starting at North Ryde and Truscott St this Thursday.
- Thank God for Lauren King who will partner with us this year as a Yr 13 apprentice. Thank God for the orientation weekend away (See Photo Pg 4). Pray for her growth in Godliness and for wisdom as Sarah trains and mentors her.
- Pray for our Learn English Class excursion to the Koala Park West Pennant Hills this Friday. Pray for safety, an awesome sense of community—and for opportunities to share Jesus.
- Pray for our Preschool re-union for students from 2017 this Thursday. Pray that lots of students would come, and that we would have another opportunity to encourage connection with Blast and our local gathering of believers.
- Property options in North Ryde / Macquarie Park—pray for wisdom in using our resources to honour Jesus.

### New Horizon's Service—1st & 3rd Monday's of the month

Join the team at 10:30am in the New Horizon's Dining room (Badajoz Rd North Ryde) for our prayer book, hymns and communion service. Our service runs on the First and Third Mondays of the month.

If you would like to know more, or need transport, contact  
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### SUNDAY SERVICES

10am Family Service  
Lord's Supper  
2nd Sunday of Month

5pm Family service  
\$3 dinner  
Lord's Supper  
4th Sunday of Month

10:30am Monday (1st & 3rd weeks)  
Aged Care Service—Badajoz Rd  
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84 Castle Hill Road, West Pennant Hills NSW Australia 2125



**Friday 23rd**

Meet at St John's

North Ryde

9:00-9:30am

John: 0403 812 782

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**Pay \$15 cash on the day—toddlers free**

Includes transport by car

Park entry & BBQ Lunch

10:30am Sheep Shearing, 11:00am Dingos

11:45am Koala Presentation

12:30pm Lunch

1:30-2pm back at church

**St John's Learn English Class Excursion**



## 10am Celebration Service

Awesome morning Sunday 18th 10am. A celebration service with an invitation to Blast, Learn English and preschool—a taste of connection across ages and cultural background worshipping Jesus. Thanks to all those involved—particularly Peter & Elizabeth Fernando, Dawn Lee, Rick & Rachel, Mark and Tina, Lauren, Tara, Joseph, Chris Aspland, Preschool staff team.

Pray for ongoing connection in the coming weeks.



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**THE GOOD BOOK TALKS**

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**TUESDAY**  
**13 MARCH**  
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Thank God for Lauren and the Yr 13 apprenticeship program. Thanks for the orientation weekend.

