

Nehemiah – Building A Better World Part 5

“The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.” Proverbs 29:7

“The bible insists that the best test of a nation’s righteousness is how it treats the poorest and most vulnerable in its midst.” Jim Wallis

Nehemiah 5:1–19

Nehemiah’s action for the poor:

- He took time to _____ the needs of those in crisis. (verses 1–5)
- He _____ on the injustice among his people. (verses 6–7)
- He _____ in righteous anger. (verses 7–11)
- He called for _____. (verses 9–11)
- He was a living example of _____ and righteousness. (verses 14–19)

Responding to the fragile and needy:

1. Understand and embrace our _____ to the poor.
 - Proverbs 31:8–9 – *“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”*
2. Know that when we are serving the poor we are serving _____.
 - Matthew 25:40 – *“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”*
 - Proverbs 14:31 – *“Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the poor honors God.”*
3. Find a _____ to serve the needy and poor.
 - You cannot solve the problem of poverty in our world, but everyone can do something to make a positive difference in the lives of others.
 - “The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.”
Dr. Albert Einstein

Answers: hear; reflected; responded; reform; justice; responsibility; Jesus; place