



September 5, 2021

Connecting the Dots . . . (after sermon discussion)

1. When you realize something is broken, what is your first response? Do you want to fix it, replace it, throw it away, or ignore it completely?
2. What does it look like for a person to live with a brokenness before God? How do we determine if we are truly broken? What is the difference between brokenness and sadness?
3. How would you describe the relationship between confession, contrition, humility, and repentance?

Digging Deeper Together (for further study during the week)

1. . As you look at the news of Nehemiah's day and his response, how can we justify going on apathetically with our normal lives right now in light of our daily news? (Nehemiah 1:3-4, 1 Timothy 2:1, Matthew 18:19-20, Ephesians 6:18)
2. If the walls and gates of Israel/Jerusalem were down with God's permission and judgement in response to His people's sin and rebellion, how is what is happening in the U.S. and the world at large any different? (Nehemiah 1:7-8, Ecclesiastes 12:14, Ezekiel 18:20-28, Revelation 22:12)
3. Nehemiah was a God-fearing man in his day. How does his prayer of confession of personal, family, and national sin show us how to respond to God's judgment upon our nation today? (James 5:16, 2 Chronicles 7:13-15, Daniel 9:2-6, Psalm 51:17)



Each day of the week has a prayer reminder and an additional prayer topic

Daily Prayer Reminders

Sunday- Church Family- Don Crozier (kidneys and recovery), Marvin Flessner (leg), Mary Hesterberg (recovery), Mike Clements (rehab), Tadd Reynolds (healing), Jackie Elliot (strength & healing)

Farmers as they prepare for harvest. God would protect them and bless their yields.

Monday- Your Families- Sue Powell (colon cancer), Dean McMorris (pancreas), Rick Phillips (liver)

Healthcare workers would be protected and encouraged to continue serving God in their jobs.

Tuesday- Our Friends- Jennifer and Nora Forez, Jackie Davis (hip), Linda Tiarks (cancer treatment), Tiffany Johnson (cancer treatment)

God would show us at least one person that we are to lead to Christ this year.

Wednesday- Our Servicemen and Women (see [newsletter](#) for list)

Against political corruption and that God would bring in righteous elected officials.

Thursday- Persecuted church in Syria

God's Mercy for those who are afflicted with COVID, and that God would intervene and stop its spread in Jesus' Name.

Friday- Missionaries- [Crisis Aid International](#)

We would give Jesus all of our hearts, and nothing in this world would block us from Him.

Saturday- Churches- [Living Word Family Church, St. Joe \(Pastor Scott Millis\)](#)

Pastors, church leaders, and congregations all across the U.S.A. kept in Christ Jesus and filled with God's peace.

Call or text with your prayer requests:

Sandy Hesterberg 217-979-2192
Shauna Ideus 217-202-4310
Cindy Rademacher 217-369-3468