

# BEYOND SUNDAY

Built to Worship — 7.27.25

## Structure for the Future — *Nehemiah 7* — Rachel Taylor

### 1. Identity & Desire: God's Delight in Who You Are

When in your life have you experienced God's delight in you most clearly, even in an unexpected or ordinary moment?

What early memories or environments shaped your understanding of God's presence?

What parts of yourself (personality, interests, quirks) have you sometimes felt didn't "fit the mold" of a "good Christian"? How might God be redeeming those things for his purposes?

### 2. Rest & Work: Living in the Tension

Read Genesis 2:1-3, John 19:30, and Hebrews 4:9-10. What stands out to you about God's work and rest?

The sermon mentioned that spiritual maturity requires becoming comfortable with tension. What's one area where you're holding a tension between resting in God's work and joining in his ongoing work?

How would your pace of life or your approach to "doing" change if it were truly grounded in rest?

### **3. Orientation Toward God: Trusting His Presence**

Nehemiah models a constant orientation toward God even amid opposition and discouragement. What helps you stay oriented toward God in hard seasons? What derails you?

Read Isaiah 30:15-16. What does this passage reveal about the tension between trusting God vs. relying on ourselves?

When have you tried to "flee on swift horses" (Isaiah 30:16), and what was the result?

### **4. Structure for the Future: Internal & External**

The internal structure for the future is built on spiritual orientation and attentiveness to God. What spiritual practices help you cultivate this kind of attentiveness?

The external structure involves roles, organization, and physical space. What part of your church's structure (ministries, teams, rhythms) are you currently involved in? Where might God be nudging you to contribute?

Nehemiah 7 highlights roles like gatekeepers, musicians, and Levites. What role, official or unofficial, do you feel called to in your church community?

## **5. Calling & Contribution: Worship in Action**

The sermon said: "You were built to worship in action." What does worship in action look like in your day-to-day life?

Have you discovered how your own story, personality, or desires intersect with what God is doing in your church or city?

What kinds of service or contribution bring you life? Where do you feel most alive, creative, or energized?

How can our group support one another in discerning and stepping into the "good works prepared in advance" for us (Eph. 2:10)?

## **6. Closing Question**

What's one shift you want to make in this next season to live more in step with God's presence and purpose?