

# Connected

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**Talk title:** Remembering the poor

**Bible verses:** Nehemiah 5

## **What are the main points?**

Nehemiah's and our response to poverty and injustice –

- EMOTIONAL : Feels pain and releases compassion
- THOUGHTFUL : Change the narrative
- PRACTICAL : Strategically, individually and sacrificially

## **Questions to prompt conversation...**

As we respond to poverty and injustice in our city, country and world - how do we feel the pain and release compassion? How do we not build up internal walls to protect ourselves and then numb ourselves to an emotional response?

Jesus modelled God's narrative to us at the beginning of his ministry by reading from the book of Isaiah and basically announcing his manifesto in Luke 4:18-19 – how do we live this out individually and together as Ebe in 2023?

Nehemiah lived out this response to poverty and injustice with integrity and sacrificially. What does that look like to us personally and also how do we pray for our leaders in society to help lead us into a practical vision like what Nehemiah saw happen?