**The Real Building Project**

Nehemiah 5:1-13

***The Problem:*** The community building the wall was not reflecting the character of God

***Main Point:*** Christians should reflect God’s character during their mission to witness to the world

**I. All is Not Well *Within* the Walls**

**A) A Problem of Circumstances**

1) Families involved in wall construction could not afford \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

          2) Landowners were mortgaging their properties because of the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

          3) The Kings tax was so high Jews were selling their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  into slavery.

**B) A Problem of the Heart**

1) The was in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  among the community at Jerusalem.

          2) Fellow Jews were oppressing their brothers by charging excessive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

          3) God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  was not being displayed to the onlooking world.

**II. Nehemiah Challenges the Community to Change**

**A) An Appeal to Righteousness**

**B) An Appeal to Live Differently**

1) Remembering God’s Goodness

* Gift of Salvation
* Gift of His Presence
* Gift of Justification
* Gift of Sanctification

2) Reflecting God’s Goodness

 Psalm 37:3

**C) An Appeal to go Beyond the Right**

**III. God Invites us to Change our Community**

**A) God is about Building Character in the Community**

Hebrews 1:3

**B) God is about Building YOUR Character in the Community**

Galatians 6:10; 1 John 4:10-11