Rebuilding God's People for God's Mission Nehemiah 1:1-3 When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also." This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain. Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire. Hebrews 12:26-29 (NLT)

The Impact of Pandemic on US Churches In the US, Barna Research Group reported that 4000 churches closed in 2020.

Some 20,000 pastors left the ministry and 50% of current pastors say they would leave the ministry if they had another way of making a living.

More than 2/3 of membership has not returned to church after the pandemics.

The Impact of Pandemic on Singapore Churches Two third of the churches have seen a decrease in number of the attendees.

Most churches reported that only 72% of regular attendees have returned.

The worst cases are among the larger churches with only 61% of their regular attendees returned.



"Give your very best to the One who has only ever given us His very best."

Pastor Jeff Chong (Hope Church) told leaders: "I believe God wants us to focus on three things."

- First is turning Singapore Godward
- Second is winning youth for Christ.
- Finally, to be a blessing to the nations.



These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.

1 Corinthians 10:11(NLT)

Nehemiah 1:1-3 (NLT)

These are the memoirs of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In late autumn, in the month of Kislev, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was at the fortress of Susa. Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem. They said to me, "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire."



What caused them to go into captivity?

- 1. That they were no longer putting God first in their lives.
- 2. They hold their fellow Israelites in slavery because of unpaid debts.

Jeremiah 34:17 (NLT) "Therefore, this is what the Lord says: Since you have not obeyed me by setting your countrymen free, I will set you free to be destroyed by war, disease, and famine. You will be an object of horror to all the nations of the earth. So the message of the Lord spoken through Jeremiah was fulfilled. The land finally enjoyed its Sabbath rest, lying desolate until the seventy years were fulfilled, just as the prophet had said. 2 Chronicles 36:21 (NLT)

70 YEARS EXILE

REASON BEHIND 70 YEARS BABYLON CAPTIVITY



"CAN A WOMAN FORGET HER NURSING CHILD, AND NOT HAVE COMPASSION ON THE SON OF HER WOMB? SURELY THEY MAY FORGET, YET I WILL NOT FORGET YOU. SEE, I HAVE INSCRIBED YOU ON THE PALMS OF MY HANDS; YOUR WALLS ARE CONTINUALLY BEFORE ME. ISAIAH 49:15-16 NKJV



Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful. 1 Thess 5:23-24 (NLT)





In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. Open the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in."

Isaiah 26:1-2 (NKJV)

Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; But you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. Isaiah 60:18 (NKJV)

