



Sermon 1

Seeing the Brokenness

¹ The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capitol, ² that Hanani, one of my brothers, and some men from Judah came; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped and had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem. ³ They said to me, “The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire.”

Nehemiah 1:1-3 (NASB)

It is easy to get calloused in our world. In many cases the needs are so overwhelming, and the work is so large that we come to a place of apathy. There are literally millions of people in this city who will be eternally separated from a loving God when they die. That is a fact. But it is a changeable fact. If we truly see the brokenness through the eyes of God and ask God to remove the calluses from our hearts, we can make a difference in many people's lives here in Hong Kong.

I need to ask God to help me

1. By opening my _____, _____, and _____ to the brokenness around me.

2. In understanding the _____.
 - A. Distress
 - B. Reproach
 - C. Unprotected

3. Recognize that I am a part of the _____.