

## COMING UP AT EASTSIDE

- **FYI** – this Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 7.30pm
- **HOT AUGUST NIGHTS**
- #1 Water Baptism Party tonight 6pm with free pizzas after
- #2 Indescribable by Louis Giglio
- #3 YourLife: Conflict
- #4 Allan Meyer: “Parental Paradox”
- #5 God in the Movies: Life Lessons from UP
- **Allan Meyer: Parenting Under Pressure** – Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 9.30am

**EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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# **EASTSIDE CHURCH**

INFLUENCE **FAITH** HOPE **LOVE**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010 – Ps Artie Shepherd

## NEHEMIAH: CUP-BEARER TO CITY-BUILDER

### **PART 13: STOCKTAKE TIME**

**TEXT: Nehemiah 7:66-73**

Nehemiah's Stocktake:

#### **1. PEOPLE**

- We count people because people count!
- Don't just want to know if there's "a good vibe"
- Two of our values are **CONNECTING** and **CARING**
- How many people – connections, members, leaders
- How many visitors, salvations, baptisms, Life Groups
- Demographics of our region
- >500,000 people within 15 minutes drive
- >41,000 primary school students
- >36,000 high school students
- >22,000 university students
- >97,000 60years+
- Go another 5 minutes = approx 700,000 people
- 80% no church connection, although 60% identify as Christians
- Only 0.84% Melburnians are Pentecostal
- 30,000 people (up 36% in last decade)
- In our region 1.43% Pentecostal = 7,000 – 10,000 people
- **BIG PICTURE:** Within 15 minutes drive there are 400,000 people with no church connection!!
- 560,000 people within 20 minutes!!!

#### **2. VOLUNTEERS**

- Nehemiah counted servants and singers
- Our third value is **CONTRIBUTING**
- If this is your House, have you found somewhere to get involved?
- You+One

### 3. RESOURCES

- Nehemiah counted horses, mules, camels, donkeys
- Assets
- Ministries, opportunities, expertise

### 4. OFFERINGS

- Giving is a key sign of the health of a church
- The leaders gave as much as rest of the people together
- 80/20 Principle is true everywhere

### TAKE A PERSONAL STOCKTAKE

- **Proverbs 27:23** *Know the state of your flocks and put your heart into caring for your herds*
- A stocktake helps you determine:
  - Past effectiveness (lots of activity but what was achieved?)
  - Present position (do we have all the facts?)
  - Potential for improvement (what can we change?)
  - Platform for future (what can we build on to move forward?)
- If you want to go from Cup-Bearer to City-Builder or move forward in any facet of your life you have to do a stocktake
- If you do what you've always done...

### STOCKTAKE YOUR:

#### 1. SPIRIT

- Devotion
- Prayer
- Worship
- Word
- Faith
- Obedience
- Revelation
- These things come out of love for God, not to earn God's love
- **Past:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Present:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Potential:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Platform:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. SOUL

- Emotions
- Thinking
- Learning
- **Past:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Present:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Potential:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Platform:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. BODY

- Health
- Fitness
- Diet
- **Past:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Present:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Potential:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Platform:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. RELATIONSHIPS

- Marriage
- Children
- Family
- Friends
- **Past:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Present:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Potential:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Platform:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. RESOURCES

- Time
- Talents
- Treasure
- **Past:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Present:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Potential:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Platform:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Balance life horizontally not vertically – Both/And not Either/Or
- Vertical makes impossible demands – something always suffers