

After the Exile



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Third Sunday of Lent, March 7, 2021

"We are using this season of Lent to envision God's mission for Highland on the other side of the Coronavirus Exile"

"After the Exile"

Stewarding this kairos moment to gain clear vision for our mission ahead

Looking back to understand, looking ahead with dreams

Dreams remain ethereal unless we do the work of "scoping"

Today we see a picture of shared mission: all hands on deck!

The Work on the Walls Begins: 3:1-32

49 different names/groups participating

28 distinct places/landmarks identified

Nobles of the Tekoites singled out as failing to serve

Priests, Levites, goldsmiths, merchants, rulers, daughters, temple servants

An egalitarian picture of shared mission

The Baseline Shared Life of the Local Church

Loving One Another

Worshiping Together (celebration, teaching, sacraments)

Giving according to our means toward the shared responsibility

Participating in the Common Mission

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This needs to be undertaken in the context of whole life balance

Personal Piety

Group Life

Home Mission

Church (common) Mission

A map for individual self assessment

A map for the church to understand its expectations of members