

Readings from Mark chapter 10—October 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Sunday: 41** And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. **Pray** that you would not get angry with your brothers and sisters at church. **Pray** with the Fulton (N.Y.) RPC for a young woman, Liz VanNorstrand, who had a concussion and is having vision distortion and headaches.

**Monday: 42** But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **43** Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. **44** And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.” **Pray** that we would have a servant’s heart. **Thank God** with Topeka (Kan.) RPC for Mrs. Debbie Culley’s successful kidney transplant.

**Tuesday: 45** “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” **Praise God** for Jesus’ willingness to serve us, and for His sacrifice at the cross. **Pray** that the Lord would provide a permanent meeting place for Atlanta RPC.

**Wednesday: 46** Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. **47** And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” **Pray** with Columbus (Ind.) RPC for Tre Cranford in his leadership, and **praise God** for Bradley’s recent confession of faith in Christ.

**Thursday: 48** Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” **Cry out to Jesus** for His mercy. **Ask God** to raise up men as elders at Covenant Fellowship RPC (Wilksburg, Pa.)—men who aspire to the office and are qualified.

**Friday: 49** So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.” **50** And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. **Pray** that Jesus Himself would bless you and your family members. **Pray** that the Lord would grant saving faith to Providence (Pittsburgh, Pa.) RPC’s covenant children and grow them in His grace and admonition.

**Saturday: 51** So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.” **52** Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road. Give thanks with Southwest Ohio RPC for Dr. and Mrs. Dick (Susan) Knodel’s fiftieth wedding anniversary August 30<sup>th</sup>. **Pray** that many people would come to worship God tomorrow at ARPC, that they would be attentive, and that they would receive the message.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day*  
*October 13, 2019*

**Meeting every week at**  
**574 Western Avenue NW**  
**(corner of Western and Walnut Street)**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Worship at 5:30 PM**  
**Sunday School at 4:45 PM**

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 100A

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

\*Psalm 3

“O Lord, How Are My Foes Increased!”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 58A

“You May Be Gods”

Scripture Text

Nehemiah 4

The Sermon

“Sword and Trowel” (Part 2)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 122B

“I Was Glad to Hear Them Saying”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 72C [stanzas 11-12]

“Now Blessed Be Our God Alone”

\* *Congregation will please stand.*

**We are so glad that you could join us today!** This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

### Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

**“Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer.”—Psalm 61:1. “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”—Matthew 28:19-20.**

**Q. 26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king? A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

**Q. 28. Wherein consisteth Christ’s exaltation? A. Christ’s exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.**

Nehemiah 4 “Sword and Trowel” (Part 2)

Theme: Nehemiah counsels those rebuilding the wall.

I. Weapons—spear; shield; bow; habergeon; for the builders, a sword

II. Building

III. Encouragement

IV. Planning

A. families (vv. 13f); “over against his house” (cf. 3:10, 23, 28, 29, 30)

B. division of labor (vv. 16f)

1. half of Nehemiah’s servants were given the task of defending

2. the other half were to build

3. different people in various posts according to their talents and gifts

C. being able to sound an alarm (v. 20)

D. using every moment possible (v. 21)

E. being always on guard (vv. 22f)

1. lodging in the city, rather than going out to the suburbs

2. Nehemiah, et al., didn’t put off their clothes, other than for washing

V. Prayer

A. imprecatory prayer (vv. 4f)

B. prayer to God (v. 9)

Application

A. pay heed to the various actions taken by Nehemiah

1. prayer

2. planning—you have to know what you’re doing

3. willingness to fight

4. building

5. sacrifice (vv. 22-23)

B. don’t despair at the littleness of the numbers