

Summer Reading

12th Grade:

Purpose: This summer assignment is designed to help students understand the Christian calling to restore what is broken in the world. Through reading *Restoring All Things* alongside the book of Nehemiah, students will explore how God’s people are called to lead, rebuild, serve faithfully, and engage culture with truth, wisdom, and perseverance.

ALL ASSIGNMENTS SHOULD BE TYPED

1. Bible: Read Nehemiah

Instructions:

After reading Nehemiah, complete six chart entries like the example below. Do not simply summarize the story. Instead, think about:

- what was broken,
- how people responded,
- what restoration looked like,
- and how Christians today might face similar situations.

Be specific and thoughtful in your answers. Add 6 entries of your own. At least 2 should address spiritual or moral brokenness.

Passage	What is broken?	What does restoration look like?	What action is required from God’s people?	Modern Example
Nehemiah 1	Jerusalem is in ruins, the walls are broken down, and God’s people are living in disgrace after exile. There is both physical and spiritual brokenness.	Restoration begins when Nehemiah responds with grief, prayer, repentance, and a desire to act rather than ignore the problem.	God’s people should care about brokenness, seek God in prayer, confess sin honestly, and be willing to take responsibility instead of remaining passive.	Christians today should not ignore brokenness in culture, families, schools, or communities. Believers are called to pray, care deeply, and take faithful action to help restore what is damaged

2. Reading: *Restoring All Things* by: Warren Cole Smith & John Stonestreet

Read the entire book.

As you read *Restoring All Things*, pay attention to how the authors describe:

- what has been broken by sin,
- how God intends to restore the world,
- and the role Christians should play in that restoration.

Complete at least 6 chart entries using specific ideas from the book. The chart should be similar in nature to the chart on Nehemiah.

Chapter / Topic	What is broken?	What does restoration look like?	What responsibility do Christians have?	Quote, example or key idea.
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***Responses should demonstrate thoughtful reading, clear effort, and specific references to the text.*

Due: First day of class. Students should be prepared for further assessment on these assignments.