

Growth Group Bible Study

Nehemiah: A Journey Back for Our Journey Forward - Sermon Series
"Beyond the Physical Walls"



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Reading Nehemiah 1:1 – 2:8

Opening Questions

1. Have you ever seen something “collapse”? (e.g. building, trees, boats, walls, your retirement account!)
2. What was a particular “low point” in your spiritual life and how did the Lord restore and renew you?
3. In what recent ways have you seen “the good hand of God” on you, your family or friends?

Study

1. Read Romans 15:4. How does that text encourage us in studying the Old Testament?
2. What are some key things we learn about Nehemiah, Jewish history, Jerusalem and the background of this book in our reading?
3. Nehemiah’s “heart was broken” regarding his people and city of Jerusalem (1:3-4). What “breaks your heart” and as Christians, what should “break our hearts”?
4. Why is it hard for us to “get the true picture” of our spiritual lives and what might help us to do so?

5. When Nehemiah “goes to God” in 1:5-11, what does he highlight? What can we learn from what he does?
6. Nehemiah joins in confessing sins of others as his own. Should we do the same? (1:6-7; cf. Daniel 9:3-19)
7. When our “spiritual walls” are weakened, breached or wobbly, what can we do?
8. God granted favor with the king to Nehemiah (2:1-8) because “His (God’s) hand was on him” (vs8). How do we know God’s hand is on us as Christians? Is it just when things “go well” for us? (cf. John 10:27-29; Job 13:15)

Application

1. Pray for an “honest evaluation” of your spiritual walk and “go to God” to shore up your walk where needed (knowing His good hand has got you in grace!).