

Discussion Questions

Week of 4/14/24

Text: Nehemiah 1

Icebreaker: What motivates you to pray?

1. Read all of chapter 1. What was significant to you from these verses or from the sermon you heard this week? Why?

2. In verse 4, we see Nehemiah's reaction to the news recorded in verse 3. What can we learn about Nehemiah from how he responds?

Application: What kind of topics in our world do you have a passion for or that stir your heart? Have you considered how prayer for that cause could be an action God desires you to take?

3. How does Nehemiah describe God in verse 5? Given Nehemiah's situation, what significance do you see in the words he uses?

Application: When you feel overwhelmed or grieved, what attributes of God are most comforting to you?

4. Verses 5-11 contain Nehemiah's prayer to God. What stands out to you from what he says? Based on what Nehemiah says, what does he seem to believe about God?

Application: Is there anything from his prayer that we might want to consider incorporating into our own prayers?

5. Verse 11 tips us off to what's about to unfold in the following chapters as Nehemiah is a man of action. Why was it important for Nehemiah's first action to be prayer?

Application: What's an upcoming issue or concern in your life that you could commit to praying about this next week? Consider sharing this with the group and praying for each other.