



Discussion Questions

Week of 4/21/24

Text: Nehemiah 2

Icebreaker: When have you felt like you were taking a great risk? How did it turn out?

1. Read Nehemiah 2. What was significant to you from these verses or from the sermon you heard this week? Why?

2. This chapter begins about 4 months after the start of chapter 1. According to these chapters, what was Nehemiah doing during these months to prepare for this moment?

Application: How have fasting and prayer helped prepare you for difficult situations you've faced? Or, if you haven't had an experience like this, what can you learn from Nehemiah's example?

3. How would you describe Nehemiah's interaction with King Artaxerxes in verses 1-8? From Nehemiah's perspective, why did the king respond favorably?

Application: Where in your life have you seen "the hand of [your] God...upon you" in a challenging situation?

4. Verses 9-20 describe the opposition Nehemiah faces. What does Nehemiah do in the face of this opposition?

Application: What can we learn from Nehemiah's response to those who oppose him?

5. Verse 18 says that the people "strengthened their hands for the good work" following Nehemiah's call to action. Why do you think they responded favorably in this moment?

Application: We might say that Nehemiah "prayed these people into action." What are you praying for that only God can accomplish in other people's lives?