



Discussion Questions

Week of 5/5/24

Text: Nehemiah 5-6

Icebreaker: When have you noticed people being mistreated or marginalized by others? What was happening?

1. Read Nehemiah 5-6. What stands out to you from the sermon or from the chapters?

2. Chapter 5 introduces an internal “crisis” unfolding in the midst of—and even attributed to—the rebuilding effort. What does Nehemiah’s response reveal about his level of concern for the people?

Application: What happens when a leader is so focused on accomplishing a task that he or she forgets to care for the needs and sacrifices of those who are doing the work?

3. In verses 14-19, what personal sacrifice is Nehemiah making for the good of the people?

Application: Who do you know who has made strategic sacrifices for the good of others around them? What did they do and, as far as you can tell, what was the impact?

4. Chapter 6:1-14 describes multiple schemes to take out Nehemiah and stop the work. How does he respond?

Application: What can we learn from Nehemiah’s response that can help us as we face opposition to God’s purposes?

5. *“Lightning Round” Application:* Take time to pray about these as a group.

(1) What situation are you facing where you could echo Nehemiah’s prayer in verse 9, “But now, O God, strengthen my hands?”

(2) What would you love to see happen so that, when complete, others conclude, “this work has been accomplished with the help of God?” (see v. 16).