

Nehemiah 1-13 | Rebuild: Faithful to God's Call

Getting Going

1. Settling in & Opening Prayer
2. Can you think of a project or endeavor that you undertook that was undone by others not carrying on the work you started? What was that like?

Digging Deeper

1. Review:
 - a. We were challenged to put God first in our lives, what was a way that you did that this week?
2. God is shown in Nehemiah to be constantly working for his people's good. Take some time to look through the book of Nehemiah (and Ezra if you have time) and note all the ways that God was working. How does this shape your understanding of God?
3. Read Nehemiah 1:5-11 (and if you have time look through the book to find other prayers by Nehemiah). What stands out to you about his prayer? How would you describe Nehemiah's heart towards God based upon his prayers? What can we learn from Nehemiah's heart for God?
4. Read Nehemiah 8:9-12. What strikes you about the people's response to the Law vs what the leaders encouraged them to do? What is your response to hearing the word of God?
5. Chapter 13 is a tragic ending to the book. Take time to note how all three big projects (temple, people, walls) are affected by sin. What do you think we are supposed to take away from the story of Ezra-Nehemiah (read Ezekiel 36:24-27)? What is the relevance to our lives today?

Practical Preparation:

1. The book of Nehemiah highlights the role of prayer, and commitment to the word can and should transform our hearts. How can this be a priority in your own life?
2. The book of Nehemiah also highlights what is possible with a heart soft towards God. What do you think God is calling you to do for his honour?
3. Nehemiah did so much good for the people, but even all that good did not change the people's hearts. We need to be reminded that it is only God that changes hearts. Where do you need to apply this truth to in your life?

Parting Prayer

1. Pray that we would have soft hearts to God that long to do the good he is preparing for us to do.
2. Pray that God would soften the hearts of those that need to be saved and respond to the gospel.

Optional Extra Question - If you could bring back any fashion trend what would it be?