

Sermon Discussion Questions

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Topic: Nehemiah

Scriptures – Nehemiah 2:1-8

Opening Reflection

1. How would you describe Nehemiah's emotional state in this passage? Have you ever felt a similar burden for a situation or need?

Understanding the Text

1. Why do you think Nehemiah waited until this specific moment to approach the king? What can we learn about timing and preparation from his example?
2. Nehemiah prayed before speaking to the king (v. 4). Why is prayer significant in moments of decision or action? How can we develop a habit of immediate prayer like Nehemiah?
3. The king's response was favorable to Nehemiah. What does this teach us about trusting God when we take bold steps of faith?

Personal Application

1. Nehemiah had a clear plan when the king asked, "What is it you want?" (v. 4). How can we be more intentional about planning when we sense God calling us to act?
2. Nehemiah demonstrated courage in asking for resources (letters for safe passage and timber, v. 7-8). Is there an area in your life where you need to step out in faith and boldly ask for help or resources?

Group Challenge

1. Nehemiah relied on "the gracious hand of God" (v. 8). Reflect on a time when you experienced God's provision in a challenging situation. How can this group pray or support you in trusting God in your current challenges?
2. Identify a situation in your life where God might be calling you to take bold action. What is one practical step you can take this week to move forward in faith?

Closing Prayer

Spend time as a group praying for the courage, wisdom, and clarity to respond to God's call, just as Nehemiah did.

