

#1 Renewal - Introduction to Nehemiah

Ready, Pray....Action!

A Study of the book of Nehemiah

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Read through Nehemiah 1:1-11 as a group. Although the lesson today focuses mainly on 1:1-4, discuss the following questions from the entire chapter:

- ✍ What is Nehemiah so heartbroken over? Why?
- ✍ What do you learn about God in this chapter?
- ✍ Why is Jerusalem so important to Nehemiah?
- ✍ What do you learn about prayer in this chapter?
- ✍ Do you often pour your heart out to God as Nehemiah did?
- ✍ What need in Jerusalem did Nehemiah recognize?

Often, we miss the opportunities for renewal and rebuilding even when they are right under our nose.

- ✍ What are some of the broken down walls in your life that could use a little (or a lot) of re-building?
- ✍ Share a time in life that you have experienced renewal that was due to God's intervention? What happened? What were the results and how did you grow spiritually through it all?

Read Zechariah 8:1-13 in your group and discuss the questions below: *Remember, Zechariah is a prophet called to Jerusalem to encourage the people to finish the re-building of the Temple that had been destroyed some 70 years before. He precedes Nehemiah by about 70 years. He also talks about the importance of Jerusalem. Perhaps Nehemiah heard about the passion and faithfulness of Zechariah years later as he made his choice to act on his love for Jerusalem.*

- ✍ What do you learn about Jerusalem from these 13 verses?
- ✍ What are the principles of leadership that you learn in these 13 verses?
- ✍ What does verse 9 & 13 say about finishing? Is this something you can apply to your life?
- ✍ Do you tend to be a procrastinator or are you a quick finisher?
- ✍ Are there areas in your life, service opportunities, or relationships that need work? What is keeping you from finishing the task? What principals do you learn in this passage to help you complete what you started?

Notes:
