

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Nehemiah

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Message: Kneel Strong

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Memory Verse: Nehemiah 9:10 NIV

You sent signs and wonders against Pharaoh, against all his officials and all the people of his land, for you knew how arrogantly the Egyptians treated them. You made a name for yourself, which remains to this day.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Kneel strong, knowing the good character of God

Read Nehemiah 1

1. Nehemiah's heart broke when he heard that God's city was in ruins. What situations in your life, community, or the world break your heart in a similar way? Why do you think those things affect you so deeply?
2. What does Nehemiah's concern for Jerusalem reveal about his priorities? How does this challenge you to reflect on your own priorities? How can we incorporate Nehemiah's spirit of responsibility and love for his people into our own lives?
3. Within Chapter 1, we see three of the components of the ACTS prayer model. Adoration is how we begin by praising God for who He is. How does Nehemiah do this? Why do you think Nehemiah begins his prayer with adoration instead of immediately presenting his request? How does acknowledging God's greatness, faithfulness, and love shape our perspective when we pray?



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4. Confession: Nehemiah confesses both personal and corporate sin in his prayer to God. How often do you practice confession in your prayer life? What makes confession difficult for us? How can we cultivate a habit of honest confession in our prayers?
5. Supplication: Nehemiah asked God for favor with the king. Who in your life do you need God's help to interact with—whether for a difficult conversation, an opportunity, or guidance? Nehemiah positioned himself to be an answer to his own prayer. Are there ways God might be calling you to step up and take action in response to the prayers you are praying for others?
6. Nehemiah wept, mourned, fasted, and prayed before taking action. What would it look like for you to respond to challenges in your life by prioritizing prayer and seeking God first? Is your mindset right now more self-sufficient or dependent on God?
7. God warned Israel that disobedience would lead to exile, and He also promised restoration when they returned to Him. How do you see this pattern of discipline and restoration applying to our spiritual lives? Share about a time you have experienced God's discipline or restoration.
8. Nehemiah prayed Scripture back to God, showing his deep knowledge of God's Word. How can you use Scripture more intentionally in your own prayers?



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