

Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom Restoration”

Complement to lesson on 03/05/2023 – “Fulfillment of God’s Promises”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Name a time you made a promise but failed to deliver and a time you made a promise that you were able to follow through on.
2. What is something that you spent time building?

MEMORIZE – Nehemiah 1:9

“but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.”

READ – Read Nehemiah 2: 10, 19-20 & chapter 3

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
 - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. What do you make of Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem? (Nehemiah 2: 10, 19-20)
 - a. What was Nehemiah’s response to them? What can we learn from this?
3. Chapter 3 is full of descriptions of people who worked and the work they did.
 - a. What questions do you have about what is described? Where can you go for answers?
 - b. What do you find interesting about the names listed?
 - c. What size workforce did they have? What must it have been like to coordinate that work?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – The Good Hand of God

Nehemiah tells the people “of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good.” Part of working through brokenness is recounting how the hand of our God has been upon us for our good. Look back over the past days, weeks, and months and recount where you can see the hand of God upon you. Write these down and then share them with others. Keep adding to it the next couple days as well. If you have young kids, cut out giant hands from paper and on one side write “hands of God” and on the other list where you see God’s hand on you for your good. Keep these hands (or lists) in a place where you can see them on a regular basis (bedroom night stand, kitchen table) and regularly use them to thank God the way he has acted and to remind yourself, and others, how he has acted.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Nehemiah’s Prayer- https://youtu.be/dT3Ltv_UVP0

Goodness of God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-f4MUUMWMV4>

His Mercy is More - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1GiZL60c80>

Great are you Lord - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQLMnPYoR9k>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the series:

Father God, thank you for keeping your gracious covenant with those who love You.

Holy Spirit, reveal to me the ways in which my sin breaks your heart.

Jesus Christ, thank you for taking my brokenness and trading it for unspeakable, wonderful joy.