

Bible Summary

Homesick-Nehemiah--Care

Nehemiah is a man who made it in exile. He is part of the king's inner circle and has the powerful position of cupbearer. He gets news from Jerusalem that the city walls are ruined and the people are in trouble. He prays and partners well but the main thing Nehemiah does is he cares about the people in a broken-down city and acts on that care. He becomes the catalyst that inspires the people to rebuild their own walls.

Scriptures: Nehemiah 1-5; Colossians 1:17; 2 Chronicles 16:9

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. In what ways did the following characters respond to being in exile and longing for home?
(Examples: Moses, Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah)
3. Nehemiah was the cupbearer to the king. In what ways are we like Nehemiah in relation to Christ, our King?
4. When Nehemiah hears the walls are broken down and the gates are burned, he mourns, fasts and prays. What are some walls that are broken down in your community?
5. What's the difference between using prayer to escape things or using prayer to engage?
6. The reason the walls were rebuilt is because Nehemiah cared. What do your actions say you care about?
7. In Chapter 3 neighboring communities united to rebuild. How can our community group come together to help rebuild walls in our city?