



February 26 , 2023

Down Town

Nehemiah 1:1-3

Summary – The book of Nehemiah opens with a report about a desperate situation in the city of Jerusalem. The people are in great trouble and shame and the wall and gates of the city are gone. There is no hope, no plans, no future, and no good in their situation. God, beginning with this report, will do a great work in the city of Jerusalem.

Scripture – Nehemiah 1:1-3; 2 Kings 21:6, 11-12; Matthew 16:18

Community Group Questions:

(There is no obligation to discuss every question/quotation)

Introduction

- **Have you ever felt alone in your faith?**

Nehemiah 1:1-2

- **“Entertainment = enterbrainment.”**

Nehemiah 1:3

- **“You need a wall to be safe.”**
- **On a scale of 1-10, rate your empathy toward the brokenness in culture? Explain**
- **“God works best in dark times.”**
- **Are there gates in your heart being threatened or have been torn down?**

Conclusion

- **What is the value of journaling your spiritual life? (hope, victories, worries)**
- **How as Christians should we stand out as exiles?**
- **“We don’t just need a rebuilt wall, we need a rebuilt heart.”**