



May 7, 2023
Grow

Nehemiah 7

Summary – Nehemiah learns that the idea of “if you build they will come” doesn’t work. After the wall is complete and doors are hung, no one will live in Jerusalem. Nehemiah charts a path for us when we feel stalled in life. He addresses legitimate concerns, he changes leadership, educates people, discerns issues and launches into a revival for God’s people.

Scripture – Nehemiah 6:15-7:73; 1 Corinthians 14:25, 4:2; Hebrews 6:10; Revelation 21:27; Luke 10:17-20

Community Group Questions:

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

Introduction

- Like Chinese bamboo, have you been “watering, fertilizing, praying” for something that is yet to be seen?
- “There are two things in life that are contagious, courage and fear”
- Can you share a time when God has done an amazing work in your life that has given others courage?

Two Problems Remain (Neh. 6:17-19, 7:4)

- Nehemiah got the wall built, but recognized that challenges lay ahead. How do you stay motivated to continue to battle to the end?

Bad Management (Neh. 7:1-3)

- Hanania was noted as a “faithful” man who “feared God”. Discuss the importance of faithfulness.
- Is your word your bond?
- Without God and immortal life? All things are permitted. Dostoyevsky’s The Brothers Karamazov
- “One kind critique is worth a thousand compliments”

Good Leadership (Neh. 7:61-65)

- Nehemiah says “no”. What are the challenges in saying no?
- “If we don’t discern there will be disaster”. Where do you need to say no in your life?