

# NEHEMIAH

when love dares  
you to move

## Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 2 Nehemiah 2 – Sept. 12, 2021

### Helpful Resources

*Check out one or more of these helpful overview videos of Nehemiah:*

1) <https://bit.ly/1Nehemiah>; 2) <https://bit.ly/2Nehemiah>; 3) <https://bit.ly/3Nehemiah3>.

*Be Determined by Warren Wiersbe - <https://bit.ly/DeterminedBe>*

*Nehemiah: LifeGuide Bible Studies by Don Fields - <https://bit.ly/DonFields>*

Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!



### KNOW:

- As a group, try to define the word "courage". What is a situation in your life that has required courage?
- Figure out who in your D-Group has jumped out of a perfectly good airplane, bungee jumped, or done anything else where they decided that having nothing under their feet was a good idea. Where was it? Why did they do it? What was scarier, the anticipation or the event itself?
- Think of a time you felt desperate. What words or images would you use to describe the situation you faced? What did you do?
- Share about a time where you had to choose to do the right thing even though it would cost you greatly. What, in this situation, propelled you? Did you feel any fear or anxiety in the situation?
- Have you ever felt, without a doubt, that the Holy Spirit was prompting you to act? Did you listen or ignore the prompting? Share the experience with the group.
- What is something in your house right now that needs to be fixed but you've been putting it off? Why are you putting it off?



## GROW:

- Read Nehemiah 2:1-20 out loud as a D-Group. Are there any verses or phrases that surprise you? What stands out to you? What do you want to underline or highlight?
- In chapter two, Nehemiah approaches King Artaxerxes with the circumstances of the broken Jerusalem wall that we learned about in chapter one. Revisit the prayer of Nehemiah and how it impacts the events of chapter two. What do you learn about the faith of Nehemiah? Why is time alone with the Lord in preparation for the work He calls you to so vitally important?
- Why was Nehemiah afraid after the king saw him sad? Why would it be dangerous to show emotion (especially negative emotion) around the King? What can we learn about Nehemiah's job in this passage?
- Nehemiah's request to the king is specific and thoughtful. How did asking King Artaxerxes for permission to rebuild the wall help Nehemiah carry out his calling? What can we learn from Nehemiah from his request of the King? What does this tell us about Nehemiah's character?
- According to verses 9-16, Nehemiah travels to Jerusalem to assess the situation of the wall. What did he find once he arrived?
- In verses 17-20, Nehemiah reveals his plan and is met with opposition. What do you learn about the faith of Nehemiah from this passage?
- Compare this passage with Hebrews 4:14-16. What do you learn about bringing your prayers to the Lord? How is bringing requests to the Lord the same as Nehemiah going before King Artaxerxes? How is it different?



## SHOW:

- When you become disturbed about something, how do you know if this is something that God has given you a burden for or if it is simply a personal preference? How do you know when it is time to act?
- Is there anything in your life right now that you would say that you need to practically take a step of faith from the place of hearing a call from the Lord, and heeding that call? Share this with the group.
- Can you think of something in our world, a wrong that needs to be righted, and yet we seem to have accepted it as normal? Is there a situation that you need to take time to "go and assess"?
- Are there any ways in which the Lord has given you a vision to build his Kingdom right now? Maybe it is an effort of physical work or an effort of one-on-one discipleship. In what way do you need to act right now? What fears are making you hesitate in what you need to do?
- Have you ever done any "work for the Lord" and it did not go well? How can we guard ourselves from disappointment and cynicism when things do not go well in our service for God?
- Our mission as a church is to make disciples who live by God's grace and for His glory. What specific actions do you sense God desires for you to take to make this mission part of your everyday life?