

DIGGING DEEPER

Week 4 | Nehemiah 5







RECAP

Last week we explored what we do as a people when faced with opposition from those outside our faith and community. This week, Pastor Tim dug into what to do when we face conflict and opposition from within our community.

Icebreaker Question: What is your go to feel good movie? When was the last time you watched it and why is it so important to you?

DISCUSS

Before you begin, open with prayer and read through Nehemiah 5. Ask your group to make any observations on Nehemiah's action, attitude, or how he approaches this tough circumstance.

- 1. What is the key difference when you experience conflict that comes from the "outside" versus conflict that comes from the "inside"? How do you react to this type of conflict and what have you done to navigate it in the past?
- 2. Read through Nehemiah 5:6-11. How does Nehemiah take on this conflict? Outline his steps and how they could be applied in our contexts?
- 3. This weekend, Tim said, "God wants more than your comprehension of suffering, he's after your compassion for people." When you read this statement, what do you think or feel? How should our comprehension of suffering, conflict, or opposition lead us into compassion?
- 4. How should conflict grow our capacity of compassion? How should we, as the people of God and the Church, prioritize compassion as a response to conflict, opposition, and suffering?
- 5. If you were to rate your current level of felt compassion on a scale of 1-10, where would you say you are? How can you grow your compassion?



In this session, encourage the members of your group to share a pivotal moment in their faith journey! While the discussion questions are important, make sure to find ways to learn each other's stories or become more acquainted with one another! Having people share moments from their lives is critical to having meaningful study! Look at this list below for guidance or possibilities!

Potential Pivotal Moments:

- When did you begin to follow Jesus?
- 2. Have you been baptized?
- 3. Have you ever been on a mission trip?
- 4. What got you plugged into your church?
- Have you experienced a hardship or difficulty that caused you to lean more on Christ?

CLOSE

As you close today, pray for the Spirit of God to move within your group to create a deeper sense of love, compassion, and urgency for the people around us. Then have each person share an area of their life that they would like to approach with a new sense of urgency and compassion.