

“Respond to Fear” - Nehemiah 5

Rebuild Series

Discussion Questions

1. What are you afraid of? How do you respond when that thing scares you?
2. Who do you know who has the most extreme response to a fear? What do they do?
3. Read Nehemiah 5:1-9; 14-16 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What is going on among the people of Israel?
 - b. What does Nehemiah do differently than the “nobles and officials”?
 - c. Why is the “fear of God” the source of the difference in their behavior?
4. How is Nehemiah’s behavior an “extreme reaction” to the fear of God? What makes it extreme?
5. What would it look like for someone in our context to have an extreme reaction to the fear of God the way Nehemiah does? What would they do?
6. Read Deuteronomy 10:12. Based on this text how would you define the “fear of God”? What does it involve? What is the difference between “fearing God” and being afraid of God?
7. Discuss how Jesus feared God more than any man who ever lived. How does his gospel represent the true “fear of God” in a person’s life?
8. Read 1 John 4:18-21. How does John explain the relationship between fear and love? How does the fear of God evidence itself in a person’s life?
9. Why is it so important that the nobles and officials of Israel “fear God”? What is the impact of their lack of fear?
10. Discuss how the “fear of God” is the critical element for being a true People of Hope? Pray for the group, for CCCC to live out the “fear of God.”