



Message Discussion Questions

1/15/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story: Nehemiah

WEEK:#2

MESSAGE: PICK ME!!!

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CENTRAL TEXT/S: Nehemiah 2:17, 20

CHECKING IN: How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's discussion?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: Choose questions that will work best for your group. Feel free to add to or ask a question in a different way than is written.

1. Are you more of a dreamer or more of a realistic person? Explain.
2. There will always be people that stand in your way of what God has placed on your heart. Have you ever shared a dream with someone only to have it thrown back in your face? Explain.
3. Read Nehemiah 2:19; 4:7-9. Why were these men and their people against the Jews rebuilding the wall? What could have been the cause for their opposition?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 14:33. If God has placed something on your heart...how will you respond when you encounter naysayers, confusion or when doubt hits you? Explain.
5. Read Nehemiah 2:20. Why was this verse an encouragement to the Jews? How can this verse also empower you in times of opposition and doubt? Be specific.
6. In Nehemiah 2:11, Nehemiah demonstrated an excellent approach to problem solving. He got firsthand information and carefully considered the situation and presented a realistic strategy. Before you "jump" into a project, Do you run your ideas by others or are you careful with sharing them? What do you do to ensure that your ideas are realistic and that they will work?
7. Do you find yourself being a "dream encourager" or a "dream killer"? Do you listen and encourage or do you point out reasons why their dreams won't work?
8. We learned that a "holy discontent" is God placing a burden on our hearts that also breaks His. How do you bring what breaks your heart into alignment with what breaks God's heart? Do you have an example or experience of this in your life?
9. What keeps you focussed on the mission God has given you? Who can come alongside you to help keep you focused?
10. We are encouraged to not pursue our dream alone. Who do you go to when you have a spiritual thought or a word from the Lord? What makes them a "safe person" for you?

TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE! What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion? Be specific. Try attaching a name and date to your action step.

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WANT TO GROW DEEPER? We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out and explore the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/grow or *Experience God* on the App.



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GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

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