

Message Discussion Questions

2/19/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story: Nehemiah

MESSAGE: Contagious Faith

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Stephen Masters

CENTRAL TEXT/S: Nehemiah 6:14

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. How many of you are puzzle people? What is your favorite puzzle you put together? If your life was a puzzle, what would be the picture on the box?
- 2. Who has taught you the most about prayer? Share a time when an answered prayer made a huge impact in your faith.
- 3. Read Nehemiah 1:8-9. Why do you think Nehemiah references this truth given through Moses? How do you interpret this passage for us today?
- 4. "Remember" isn't as if God has a bad memory, it is more of a statement of faith. God you promised to help us, that you are with us, and will protect us. Where have you seen God help you, come alongside you and or protect you? Please explain.
- 5. Nehemiah was very familiar with God's word. Why is knowing God's word an important part of prayer?
- 6. Read Nehemiah 6:14. How do you define "persecution"? Where have you seen or heard followers of Jesus being persecuted?
- 7. Read Hebrews 11:1; Mark 9:20-24. What area in your life could you use more faith? What are you asking God to do in and through your life? Please be specific.
- 8. What are you hoping God will do in your life, in your family, your career, in the ministry/calling He has given you?
- 9. What is one personal growth area or ministry God is asking you to move forward? Pray as a group for the faith, and hope to do what God has called you to. Share the wins in later meetings.
- 10. What promise of God do you hold onto tightly? What promise of God do you need to receive and believe for your life this week?

TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE! What is <u>one</u> 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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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.

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church