



## ***Message Discussion Questions***

**2/12/2023**

**SERIES:** Jesus Story: Nehemiah

**WEEK:#6**

**MESSAGE:** It Will Be Different Among You

**COMMUNICATOR:** Pastor Kevin Geer

**CENTRAL TEXT/S:** Nehemiah 5; Matthew 20:25-28

**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. Which would you desire to have the most of and why: More money, more time (live longer), more fame or more influence?
2. Read Nehemiah 5:1-6. Summarize what is taking place. Do you think they were just whining or was their complaining justified? How can the challenges of life distract us from the mission that God has called us to do?
3. We have heard the phrase, "Lead by Example" many times. Nehemiah was the type of leader that got involved in the day to day work. Describe someone you know who leads best by what they do as well as by what they say.
4. Matthew 20:25. Bad leaders push people down, while good leaders lift people up. Describe the worst boss you ever had. Describe the best boss you ever had? How do you lead differently?
5. In Matthew 20:26-28 Jesus says, "It will be different among you" How do you interpret Jesus' words? What example of "greatness" does he provide us? How are we as followers of Christ to live this out?
6. Read Matthew 20:20-28. What was the question that "Mama Zebedee" asked Jesus? What do you think was going through the minds of James and John? What about the other disciples?
7. Read Philippians 2:1-9 and 1 Peter 5:6-7. Based on both passages: What is the heart and mindset you see Jesus have in this passage? How do you see Jesus model servant leadership? What are the life characteristics you see in these passages?
8. Jesus' perspective on leadership was to serve people instead of using them. How do you respond when you see something that needs to be done? Do you do it? Do you wait to be asked or do you wait to see if someone else will step up? What is one step you can take today to practice having a servant's heart?
9. How have you experienced leadership in the marketplace? What are some of the characteristics? What makes Jesus' view of leadership so countercultural? Have you ever experienced the servant leadership style Jesus spoke of?
10. Read Ephesians 4:29. Listening to gossip makes you as guilty as spreading gossip and getting caught up in "unwholesome talk". Describe some things that you can do today to change from being a "chaos contributor" to a "peacemaker". How does your talk contribute to either one? Explain.

**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/experience-god](https://canvas.church/experience-god) or *Experience God* on the App.

### **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](mailto:rickz@canvas.church)**