



Message Discussion Questions

1/29/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story: Nehemiah

WEEK:#4

MESSAGE: Eyes to See

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Nate Hartman

CENTRAL TEXT/S: Nehemiah 2, 4.

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. Who would you say has been the most inspiring person in your life? What made them so inspiring?
2. Describe a time when God planted an idea in your mind to accomplish something for him?
3. Read Nehemiah 2:17-18 What do you think the "disgrace" the writer Ezra is talking about in verse 17?. Do you see any connection between Israel then and us now? What is one reminder for us to pursue God wholeheartedly?
4. Talk about a time when the 'gracious hand of God has been on you". What were the circumstances? How did this experience change your relationship with God and others?
5. How do you define the terms "motivation" and "inspiration"? What is the difference between the two? Can you give an example from your life? Which one do you think moves you forward the most?
6. Are there distractions in your life that keep you from the mission God has called you to do? What are they? How can we overcome those distractions and create a space to focus on God's mission?
7. The Jews were consistent in the little things as they were building the wall. How have you seen this mode of consistency play a key part of moving in the direction God has for you? Do you have an example?
8. In Nehemiah 2:20; 4:14. We are given comforting words when difficult challenges come our way. What were these words and how can they help us navigate a current difficulty? As a group, pray for those situations.
9. Read Hebrews 4:16 & 10:19-23. How do you define confidence? Why can we as followers of Jesus be confident in everything? In what specific area do you need a boost of confidence?
10. Who will you be an inspiration for this week? What will you do to inspire them towards the things of God? I.e. Share a win, pray for and or with them, give them a word of encouragement, do something tangible for them, your inspiring idea.
11. What is your strategy for sharing God with your neighbors/neighborhood, or a way to invite them to church, what would that look like? What would be the first step? Pray as a group for confident opportunities in those areas.

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.

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