



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Access to the King

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Highlighted Scripture

Nehemiah 1:3–4; 2:2–5

Nehemiah hears that Jerusalem is in ruins, and he responds with deep sorrow, prayer, and fasting. When the king notices his sadness and asks what he needs, Nehemiah boldly asks for permission and provision to rebuild the city—and the king grants it.

Hebrews 4:16

Because of Christ, we are invited to approach God with confidence, receiving mercy and grace in our time of need.

Discussion Questions

- **What stands out to you about Nehemiah's response before taking action?**
- **Why do you think prayer and fasting came before Nehemiah's request to the king?**

- **How does knowing we have access to God change the way we handle problems?**
- **What is something in your life right now that feels “broken” and needs rebuilding?**
- **How can you move from worry to prayer like Nehemiah did?**

Reflection Challenge

Focus on using your access to God intentionally.

Ask yourself:

- **Am I bringing my concerns to God first, or trying to handle them on my own?**
- **What situation in my life needs prayer before action?**
- **Do I truly believe God hears me and cares about what I’m facing?**

Try this:

- **Spend intentional time in prayer about one specific burden this week**
- **Fast in a small, meaningful way (time, distraction, or habit) and seek God**
- **Write down what you would ask God for if you fully trusted His response**

Remember

- **Prayer often comes before provision**
- **God sees your burdens even before you speak them**

- **You have direct access to God through Christ**
- **God can restore what feels broken**

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You for giving me access to You through Jesus.

Help me to come to You first with my burdens, just like Nehemiah did.

Give me boldness to ask, patience to wait, and faith to trust Your provision.

Restore the areas of my life that feel broken and lead me in Your purpose.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

