

How We Prepare

Beyond This Moment

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OPENING QUESTION

How is the Lord calling you to prepare for the things He is leading you into in your spiritual journey or as a member of His Church?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nehemiah 1-4
1 Corinthians 12:27

KEY TAKE AWAY(S)

- **Preparation begins in the unseen**

Before we can begin doing the work God is calling us to do, we often go through a 'hidden season' of becoming someone who is prepared to do the work.

- **Everybody gets a section**

Every person in the church has a role to play. The mission of God is not just for pastors or church leadership, the whole body of Christ is called to participate.

- **Prepare for opposition and do not walk alone**

When God calls you into His work, put on the armor of God, expect opposition, and stay rooted in your community so you are not walking alone.

QUESTIONS

1. **Meet God in the hidden place**

In **Nehemiah 1:4**, Nehemiah sat down, wept, mourned, fasted, and prayed before he ever began rebuilding. Where might God be inviting you to slow down,

grieve, pray or surrender privately before taking action?

2. Take ownership of your part

In both **Nehemiah 3** and **1 Corinthians 12:27**, we see that everyone had a role in rebuilding the wall. What “section of the wall” do you feel that God may be asking you to take responsibility for in the church or in your everyday life?

3. Stand firm together

Nehemiah 4:16-18, Ephesians 6:10-17 - What kind of opposition or distraction often pulls you away from obedience to God? How can Scripture, prayer, and community help you to stand firm?

PRACTICE

Hidden Preparation and Identifying Your Section

This week, choose one day to slow down, read and pray through **Nehemiah 1:4** and **Ephesians 6:10-17**. Ask God:

Where do I need to slow down, grieve, surrender, or not rush past?

What are you forming in me right now?

What is one small step of obedience that you are asking me to take?

Who do I need to invite into this so I am not walking alone?

Write down one specific act of obedience that you can take (it could be joining a team, asking for prayer, serving someone, having a conversation, getting baptized, etc.) and share it with someone from your Moment Group. Next Sunday at service, cement your act of obedience by marking it or writing it down on a connection card to turn in.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for the way that you meet me in the hidden place to shape and prepare me for the work you are calling me to. Would you help me to not only identify my part to take ownership in, but would you give me the courage to remain obedient and stand firm to the opposition of this world. Thank you that you go beside me and that you put others in my life to walk with me as I strive to serve you and practice your ways. Amen.