

Discussion Questions

January 24 – 30

If you missed the weekend sermon, you can find it here:
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1. When was the last time you did something for the first time?
(Question courtesy of Mike & Yvette Hershey's DCG. Thanks!)
2. This week I had some great interaction on social media with this question: "*What are the top things you look for in a godly leader?*" How would you answer the question?
3. One theme discussed in this week's message was: *Godly leadership demands internal passion*. Read **Nehemiah 1:4** and discuss Nehemiah's response after learning about his people's plight. Why is internal passion so important for a leader? What are some of the things you are passionate about?
4. Read **Nehemiah 9:5-6 and 9:17-19**. Why is it so important for us to grasp the greatness of God? Take turns finishing this sentence: "If we grasped the greatness of God, we would/wouldn't..."
5. Read **Nehemiah 1:4; 2:4; 4:4, 4:9; 6:9**. From these passages, discuss the importance of prayer in all of our lives.



Bible References

Nehemiah 1:4

4 As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 9:5-6

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, “Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. 6 [a] “You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.

Nehemiah 9:17-19

17 They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt.[a] But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. 18 Even when they had made for themselves a golden[b] calf and said, ‘This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,’ and had committed great blasphemies, 19 you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud to lead them in the way did not depart from them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night to light for them the way by which they should go.

Nehemiah 1:4

4 As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 2:4

4 Then the king said to me, “What are you requesting?” So I prayed to the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 4:4

4 Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives.

Nehemiah 4:9

9 And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

Nehemiah 6:9

9 For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.” But now, O God,[a] strengthen my hands.

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