

The Leader We Long For

Nehemiah 1 // March 13, 2022

CG LEADER'S DISCUSSION GUIDE

Open/close with prayer. Don't forget the announcements below!

Notes below are provided to help lead the discussion, not provide "the" right or complete answer in every case. Ample questions are provided; use as needed to lead your CG discussion.

Ice Breaker

#1 - What are you looking forward to this Spring and/or Summer?

Besides just the sunshine (which rocks!), what are you really excited about in the coming months?

Into the Text (Read Nehemiah 10)

#2 - What do we learn about Nehemiah himself in this chapter?

We're in the same series, but a new book of the OT. We don't know a lot about Nehemiah from this chapter, but what might we observe if we read this passage carefully?

He's a captive Jewish exile in Persia (the city of City), he's in communication with the home country, he's a cupbearer to the king.... And he seems to be faithful and heart-broken, spiritually disciplined and repentant.

#3 - What moves Nehemiah to prayer? What is his response?

He's heart-broken over the plight of his people, especially that their home city, Jerusalem is without walls and undefended.

#4 - What are the various "movements" in Nehemiah's prayer? What view of God's character does it display? What motives does his prayer convey? What is the basis for Nehemiah's requests?

Praise/adoration -> Confession -> Petition/Request

It celebrates God's greatness, love, faithfulness, and mercy. (steadfast covenant love).

A motive for God to keep His word, for God's people to be remembered & redeemed.

The basis is God's own word, see v.8.

Application

#5 - What can we learn about prayer itself from Nehemiah's prayer?

#6 - Nehemiah is praying in the midst of adversity, how do you handle adversity?

How do you approach prayer in the midst of difficulties, challenges, troubles?

What can we pray for today?

PRAYER

Let's pray for these things, for God to work renewal in us, among us, and in our community. Also let's pray for our christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Marriage Conference - March 25th and 26th register on the app
- Reminder:
 - These events are all on the **Events** tab of the Redeemer app.
You can RSVP for specific events by going to the Events tab and clicking on an event and following the link to register.