

Recipe for Renewal: Hope, Courage, Wisdom

Nehemiah 2:1-10 // March 20, 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 - Do you like to rearrange the furniture at home or do you like to keep things the same?

Into the Text (Read Nehemiah 2:1-10)

#2 - Why is Nehemiah sad?

We notice that Nehemiah did not show his grief to the king immediately. It is four months after Nehemiah learned that the walls of Jerusalem had fallen and the gates were burned.

#3 What is Nehemiah's courageous act in this passage? What is his request?

Nehemiah was afraid that he was going to say the wrong thing to a powerful king. He prayed without ceasing. God gave him the words to speak. Nehemiah's request: (1) let me return to the city of my fathers; (2) send me letters; (3) Send me timber. Nehemiah knew that God's people needed walls and gates to strengthen them against their enemies.

#4 - What is the turning point in Nehemiah's request to the King?

The king responded: "how long will you be gone and when will you return?" Grace came in the moment of need, so that Nehemiah knew it was God's hand at work. See the last part of verse 8

Application

#5 - Using the walls and gates of Jerusalem as a metaphor for renewal, what is one thing in your life that you are called to take courageous action on? Something new?

The sermon started with a call to courageous action to renewal in our own lives, our homes, our church, our community and our city through Jesus Christ.

#6 - Nehemiah prays without ceasing. How does this approach give us courage? Where in your life do you need most to hold onto God's hand? How can we pray for you 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 and around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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- 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.