



New Vision

Nehemiah 1-2

Where would we be at the end of 2020 if we fixed our eyes first and foremost on Jesus—every hour, every day—in a way that allowed Him to capture our hearts more than any competing vision?

See what God sees (Nehemiah 1:1-4)

(and feel what God feels)

Pray like God listens (Nehemiah 1:5-11)

Praise God
Confess sin
Rehearse God's promises
Ask for God's help

Do what God says (Nehemiah 2:1-10)

Don't stop at shame (1:11)
Don't stop at fear (2:2-3)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Meditate on the prayer of Nehemiah 1:5-11.
- Watch the Bible Project introduction to Nehemiah - www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkETkRv9tG8
- Watch this message from March on prayer and fasting - www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kUacGLIKVE&t=51s
- Review the resources on prayer and fasting at www.dayandnight.org
- Read these good articles on leadership principles from Nehemiah: centerforfaithandwork.com/article/leadership-lessons-nehemiah
- www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/ten-leadership-lessons-from-nehemiah
- Meditate on the vision in this song "Hosanna" - www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoM0AT8fBvs
- Reflect on "Be Thou my Vision" - www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdBnu7OXk9g

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What stands out to you the most about the character of Nehemiah from the first parts of his book? What general leadership lessons can you learn from Nehemiah so far?
3. Where do you see brokenness in your life, home, community, or world? How do you think God feels about this brokenness you observe and why?
4. Why is it important to "sit down and weep before standing up and speaking out"?
5. What impresses you most about Nehemiah's prayer in 1:5-11?
6. During this time in Israel's history, people like Nehemiah often referred to God as the "God of Heaven," highlighting his sovereignty over the kings of the earth. What names of God or attributes of God are especially encouraging and relevant to our lives in this day?
7. Describe a time in your life when you had to overcome either shame or fear as you obeyed what God was asking you to do.
8. Is there any specific burden you believe God is placing on your heart in this season, and is He asking you to do anything specific with it? Pray for one another about this.
9. Spend some time asking for God to give vision to the people in your group and our church.
10. Spend some time praying for your spiritual leaders and government leaders to grow in character and vision like Nehemiah.