

LESSON 3 - DON'T DESPAIR - BEGIN TO REPAIR

NEHEMIAH 1

DAY 1 - REVIEW

1. What did you learn from the commentary notes that helped you?
2. What did you learn from the lecture that was new to you?
3. What is your main "take away" from the lecture?

DAY 2 - READ NEHEMIAH 1:1-4

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4. Whose words are you reading and where was he located? *(Note: Susa was 200 miles east of Babylon. It was the capital of ancient Elam and the winter capital of the Persian kings. Susa was the scene of many events during the time of Daniel, Nehemiah and Esther.)*
5. Who approached Nehemiah and from where did they come?
6. What did Nehemiah ask them and how did they respond?
7. How did Nehemiah respond to the information he received from Hanani and friends?
8. **Thought Question:** Why do you think Nehemiah reacted the way that he did?

9. **Personal Question:** In what ways do you see God's name or glory being disgraced in today's culture? If you've had a similar response to that of Nehemiah, share it with your group.

DAY 3 - READ NEHEMIAH 1:5-7

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10. What motivated Nehemiah to pray?

11. List the attributes of God mentioned by Nehemiah in verse 5 only.

12. From the list of attributes, describe what Nehemiah believed about God.

13. **Personal Question:** Do you have any personal examples from your own life that cause you to think of God like Nehemiah did as expressed in verse 5? Prepare to share with your group.

14. From vs. 6-7, what was Nehemiah's intent before God?

15. **Thought Question:** Do you find any significance in Nehemiah expressing his convictions about God's character prior to expressing his confession of past sins? If so, what is the significance?

DAY 4 - READ NEHEMIAH 1:8-9, DEUTERONOMY 28:1-3,15-16,30:1-20

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16. What instructions does Nehemiah reference in v. 8?

17. According to Deuteronomy 28:1-3, what promise did God make to Israel through the prophet Moses?

18. According to Deuteronomy 28:15-16, what warning did God make to Israel through the prophet Moses?
19. According to Deuteronomy 30:1-10, what will be the fate of Israel when they return to the Lord?
20. After reading the Deuteronomy references, write down some phrases that encourage you and others that should be taken as a warning.
21. **Thought Question:** What is the significance of Nehemiah asking God in vs. 8 & 9 to remember His instruction to Moses? How can you personally apply this lesson when you pray?

DAY 5 - READ NEHEMIAH 1:10-11, 1 PETER 1:18-21

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22. Using just v. 10, describe God's relationship with Israel, which is a description of the same relationship Christians have with Him today.
23. a. Without using a dictionary, define the word "redeem".
- b. According to 1 Peter 1:18-21, how is a Christian redeemed from sin?
24. **Personal Question:** In what way have you ever experienced redemption from a failure in your life?
25. **Thought Question:** According to this passage, what is the basis by which Nehemiah is requesting God's success and favor?

DAY 6 - READ NEHEMIAH 1:5-11

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26. From Nehemiah's prayer in vs. 5-11:

- a. List one fact you learned about the man, Nehemiah.

- b. List one fact you learned about the character of God.

27. From Nehemiah's prayer in vs. 5-11:

- a. State a principle or lesson learned from the fact you previously listed about Nehemiah.

- b. State a principle or lesson learned from the fact you previously listed about God.

28. From Nehemiah's prayer in vs. 5-11:

- a. How might you apply the principle or lesson you just wrote about Nehemiah to your own life?

- b. How might you apply the principle or lesson you just wrote about God to your own life?