

LESSON 4 - DON'T HESITATE - INVESTIGATE! NEHEMIAH 2

DAY 1 - REVIEW

1. Write down something that you learned about prayer from last week's lesson.
2. What did you learn from the commentary notes that will help you to be a better Christian?
3. How did the lecture encourage you?

DAY 2 - READ NEHEMIAH 2:1-3

READING: NEHEMIAH 2:1-3; NEHEMIAH 1:11; NEHEMIAH 1:1; JOHN 15:9-11; JOHN 16:22; ACTS 14:17;
GALATIANS 5:22; PHILIPPIANS 1:3-4 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

4. Who was the King and what was Nehemiah's relationship to him? (*Hint: Look back to Nehemiah 1:11*)
5. Give the months from the Hebrew calendar mentioned in Nehemiah 1:1 and Nehemiah 2:1. (*Note: Scholars believe there to be four months between these two Hebrew months.*)
6. **Thought Question:** Why might Nehemiah have waited 4 months between praying for favor from the King and actually speaking to the King? What lesson can you learn from this 4 month gap?
7. According to our passage, what was the King's diagnosis of Nehemiah's condition and what made him come to this conclusion?
8. What did Nehemiah tell the King was the source of his condition?
9. Describe a time in your life when you experienced a "sadness of heart".
10. How might the following passages help you battle "sadness of heart"?

John 15:9-11

John 16:22

Acts 14:17

Galatians 5:22

Philippians 1:3 & 4

DAY 3 - READ NEHEMIAH 2:4-10

READING: NEHEMIAH 2:4-10 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

11. a. What did Nehemiah do prior to answering the King's question in v. 4?

b. What principle do you learn from this?
12. What did Nehemiah request of the King?
13. How did the King receive Nehemiah's request?
14. a. Give a verse from our reading that gives insight into why the King granted Nehemiah's requests.

b. **Personal Question:** Can you remember a time in your life when someone granted your request and you were certain that it was because of God's grace? Be prepared to share this with your group.
15. **Thought Question:** List some things that Nehemiah did when bringing his request before the King that you might emulate the next time you need to make a request from someone in authority over you.

16. Who was disturbed that the King granted Nehemiah's request and why?

DAY 4 - READ NEHEMIAH 2:11-16

READING: NEHEMIAH 2:11-16; LUKE 2:19; PSALM 111:2 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

17. When Nehemiah left Susa, where did he go and whom did he take with him and for how long?

18. **Thought Question:** Were told in v. 12 that Nehemiah had not told anyone what God had put in his heart to do for Jerusalem. Why might he have kept this in his own heart? Do you see any wisdom in this decision?

19. a. Read Luke 2:19 and Psalm 111:2 and make a case for pondering things in your heart.

b. Write down one thing that you have been pondering in your heart lately and be prepared to share that with your group.

20. In what condition did Nehemiah find the walls of Jerusalem? Be specific.

DAY 5 - READ NEHEMIAH 2:17-18

READING: NEHEMIAH 2:16-18 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

21. Looking back to v. 16, whom did Nehemiah address in our passage?

22. What was Nehemiah's mission? Give the verse.

23. What additional information did Nehemiah reveal after stating their mission?

24. How did they respond to Nehemiah?

25. **Personal Question:** Have you ever been given a mission from God? Describe it to your group.

DAY 6 - READ NEHEMIAH 2:19-20

READING: NEHEMIAH 2:19-20 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

26. Summarize what is recorded in v. 19. Does this surprise you? Why or why not?

27. How did Nehemiah respond to those opposing his mission? Try to contrast the positive with the negative in his response.

28. **Personal Question:** Describe a time when someone opposed your efforts when trying to follow God's will for your life.

29. **Thought Question:** What principle do you learn from our passage that you can apply the next time you are opposed when on a mission for God?