

Nehemiah Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 03-13-22

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer as you engage in the Word of God connected to the teaching of God from the past Sunday.

Quick Review What did you hear? Take a look at the message outline together. What impacted you most? Any questions come up for you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** There is a time to pray and a time to act. How do you find the balance between depending on God and taking action?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: **Nehemiah 2**

- Read the Scripture from last Sunday together.

Digging Deeper: Watch the Generations Video. Find it on Gateway's home page.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBO_C-2_zk&t=4s

1. What is the difference between the prayer that Nehemiah prayed in Ch 1 vs Ch. 2? Why are both effective?
2. What do you think Nehemiah's moment with the king would have looked like for you? How would taking that risk feel? Do you have an example from your own life when you had to seize the moment and step into the unknown?
3. Nehemiah had "God confidence" because he had prepared his heart by seeking the Lord beforehand. How are his prayers and outcry to God in Chap. 1 related to his confidence moving forward with his plans in Chap. 2?
4. How can we encourage each other to live with the same God confidence and sense of urgency that Nehemiah did as we seek His will for our individual lives and collectively through the Generations project?

Action Steps:

Nehemiah was a man of vision! A prayerful planner, full of faith and boldness! This week, consider how his life can inspire you in prayer and courage to take action. **Take some time this week to write out and journal your prayer for Gateway.**

James 5:16... "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."