

Nehemiah Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 4-3-22

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 ... key takeaways from Sunday's message? Take a look at the message outline together ... What impacted you most? Any questions come up for you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** How do you respond when you are making sacrifices to make something happen and you notice that others around you don't seem to be doing their part?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: **Read Nehemiah 5 Together**

Digging Deeper: **Watch the Generations Video now!**

Problems that already exist can come into clearer focus, creating pressure, which can cause internal opposition while working on a project. This was true for Nehemiah's community.

- What does it look like for everyone to sacrifice together for a common goal when some have more capacity than others? Ponder as a group the phrase: ***"Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice"***.
- Take a look at the issues in Nehemiah's day. Compare the practices of the officials in Nehemiah 5:7-12 vs the practices of Nehemiah in 5:14-18.
- Nehemiah was a servant leader. How can we follow his example and prioritize caring for each other and those in our community and still work together for the common goal of Generations?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 ... what do these verses say to you, and how does it apply to what we are doing as a church and as individuals?

Action Steps:

Pray and reach out to someone who God brings to mind this week. Check in on them, see how they're doing. Text, call, email, or visit. Think about what they might like best! How is up to you but the goal is to connect and care!