

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Weekend of August 16, 2020

Rebuilding: Faith to Lead

INTRODUCTION

- What would you say is the boldest thing you have ever done?
- What emotions are typically connected to actions of boldness?
- What is one thing you would like to ask God right now?

This week we continue our study in Nehemiah taking a look at chapter 2. In this chapter, Nehemiah and the King have a conversation about Nehemiah going back to Jerusalem to rebuild the city which now lays in ruin. Susa was 1000 miles away from Jerusalem.

- What city is 1000 miles away from where you live?

Before we dig into our discussion and study of Nehemiah 2, let's pause and thank the Lord for his Word. Let's ask the Lord to prepare our hearts and to lead and guide us as we discuss and study. Here is a verse to focus our hearts.

"Hear my cry, O God,
Listen to my prayer;
From the ends of the earth I call to you
When my heart is faint.
Lead me to the rock
That is higher than I
For you have been my refuge
A strong tower against the enemy."

Psalm 61:1-3

INTO THE BIBLE

Read Nehemiah 2:1-20

- What emotions can you identify throughout this chapter?
- What are the questions that are asked by both Nehemiah and the King Artaxerxes?

- How would you describe Nehemiah's strategy and process to assist the people of Judah?
- What might be some of the reasons why Nehemiah cared about the condition of Jerusalem? Why are some reasons why this rebuilding might be significant?
- In what ways did Nehemiah display faith through his actions?
- What do you learn about God from these verses?
- How would you summarize the events of this chapter in one sentence?

APPLICATION

- What is an area of your life that might need "rebuilding"?
- In what ways is it broken or in need of rebuilding?
- What preparations might need to happen in order for the rebuilding to occur?
- Where in your heart are you feeling a nudge from the Spirit as you listen to the sermon and study Nehemiah?
- What is one thing you could commit to pray about this week as a result of this lesson?

Thank you, Lord that you are there to help us rebuild the broken pieces of our lives. You are the one who gives us strength to step out in Faith to do the things that you call us to do. Help us to listen to your Spirit as you lead and guide us.

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me ... For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9