

# NEHEMIAH

## Chapter 1 - 2/10/19

### OVERVIEW

When Nehemiah inquired about the Jews who traveled back to Jerusalem, the answer he received broke his heart. He mourned, cried out to God and not just a bit, but for days - over the plight of others. What breaks our hearts? What should break our hearts, and in turn open us to ownership and change. In Nehemiah we will hear how God lead his people toward a future he always intended for them, but there was necessary work to do along the way. Are we ready to own a similar responsibility?

Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47, Nehemiah 1:1-4, Genesis 12:1-4, 2 Chronicles 36:15-20

### APPLICATION

1. Jeremy talked about the idea that everyone owns the future and vision of BRCC — not just the pastors or “professionals.” On a scale from 1 to 10, with 10 being “all in ownership” and one being “little or no investment.” What number would describe your ownership and investment in the church and why? (Don’t just think about what you are “doing”, but also your heart condition.)
2. Jeremy discussed the cycle that Israel lived and died through: God gives his best, Israel enjoys that, then rebellion, and then God’s punishment. (2 Chronicles 36:15-20 is an example of this.) What does this say about God’s character? How does this still apply today?
3. Nehemiah 1:4 describes Nehemiah’s response to the broken-down wall of Jerusalem: “As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.” Have you ever felt so burdened by something that you have spent serious intentional prayer and fasting over it? If not, what holds you back?
4. The history of BRCC — and Nehemiah’s life — demonstrates one thing: nothing significant happens in the Kingdom of God through his people without prayer. Share a situation in your life that currently needs this type of intentional prayer. Pray for one another.