



Nehemiah

Week 1: Burden for the Rubble | Teacher: Libin Abraham

Sermon Questions for 10.5.2025

Opener

Do you feel like your life is currently at max capacity or do you have space for more?

Read

Nehemiah 1:1-11

Main Points

1. Timeline that sets up Nehemiah: 586 BC - Jerusalem falls, 538 BC - Cyrus' decree, 536 BC - Temple foundation, 516 BC - Temple dedication, 445 BC - Nehemiah's burden.
 - a. By the time we pick up in Nehemiah 1, Jerusalem has been devastated of 141 years and no one seemed to be bothered anymore.
2. Nehemiah has a three-fold response: (a) I care, (b) I lament, (c) I pray.
3. Distance does not excuse indifference.
4. Nehemiah allowed the brokenness of the world to break his heart, because he knew that the heart of God beats for the broken.
5. Nehemiah's perspective in prayer: he remembers who God is and is reminded of what he's done.
6. Nehemiah 1 is a call to feel what God felt and, most of all, it is a call to go to God with the pain of our world.

Engage with God in a Group

- How would you currently describe your life - in crisis, mostly good, experiencing brokenness, filled with hope, or some other space?
- As you see the brokenness of our world today, how do you typically respond?
- When thinking about the three-fold response Nehemiah had to the brokenness, which aspect of his response do you resonate with the most? Which one might you struggle with the most in how you handle brokenness?
- What would it look like, for you, to allow your heart to be tender enough to break for the injustices of our day?

Bottom Line

God's people are called to let his heart for the broken move them, even when the brokenness is far away.