



Small Group Questions Nehemiah - Introduction

REMINDER: The purpose of our small groups at Cypress is to learn to love one another. We seek to do this as we: 1. Study the Bible together; 2. Discuss how to put it into practice; 3. Pray together; and 4. Live life together. Please use these questions only as they help you achieve this purpose. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** Read Nehemiah, chapters 1-5. (It should take you 15-20 minutes.) As you read the beginning of this great Old Testament story, what captures your attention?

2. **Observation – What do you see?**

We can't work on a solution until we define the problem. The problem in the book of Nehemiah is clear: "The wall of Jerusalem is broken down" (1:3). As we begin this study of Nehemiah, what is "broken" in you (your relationship with Jesus or His church) that only Christ can rebuild?

3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**

Just as Nehemiah was a great leader building a wall in the Old Testament era, Jesus is the great Son of God building His church in this New Testament era. How do the following Scriptures help you understand the building work Jesus is doing with His church and in the world now?

Matthew 16:13-20 –

Ephesians 4:11-16 –

1 Peter 2:1-6 –

4. **Application – How does this apply?**

As we begin studying Nehemiah, how is the Holy Spirit stirring in your heart? What brokenness is Jesus seeking to rebuild in you? Is He calling you to build yourself into the fellowship of His church in a new way? Is He leading you to build a relationship with a non-Christian for the gospel's sake?

5. **Prayer ...**