



Small Group Questions

Nehemiah 1 – A Prayer for Revival

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 Jesus' teachings into practice together; 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 around the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** Read Nehemiah 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?

2. **Observation – What do you see?**

What challenges you most when you look through Nehemiah's revival prayer in verses 4-11?

Nehemiah 1:4 says that Nehemiah prayed *for days*. We are also told that Jesus prayed *all night* before choosing the twelve apostles (Luke 6:12). Have you ever prayed for an extended time (an hour or more)? If so, describe your experience and what you learned about prayer from it?

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

Nehemiah's revival prayer follows an A.C.T.S. pattern (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication). Have you used any tools like this as you've grown in prayer? What other things has God used to inspire you to pray (i.e., books, people, pain)? Share a story with your small group.

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

After studying Nehemiah 1, how is the Holy Spirit moving in your heart regarding prayer? Is now a time when He is calling you to recommit yourself to pray? Is He calling you to pray specifically for revival – as he did with Nehemiah – on Thursdays between 6:30-7:30am in the sanctuary?

5. **Prayer ...**