



## Small Group Questions Nehemiah 2

**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 2. What was your take away from Sunday's sermon on Nehemiah 2?

2. **Observation – What do you see?**

After months of prayer, Nehemiah knew exactly how to answer when the king asked "What are you requesting?" (v.4). If King Jesus asked you this same question today, what would you say?

Nehemiah didn't just ask for the wall in Jerusalem to be rebuilt, he was willing to do the work himself! We see this in his "send me" request in verse 5. How are you willing to be involved in the "building" work at Cypress (Ephesians 4:15-16)? Are there things that you see are "broken down" that you're willing to say to the Lord, "Here I am. Send me" (Isaiah 6:8)?

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

When we read that Nehemiah "arose" after "three days" in Nehemiah 2:11-12 and that the people *rose up* to build in verse 18, we need to recognize that this is *gospel language* – it echoes Jesus' resurrection. Read Paul's "resurrection" prayer for the church in Ephesians 1:15-23. How do these passages help you know how to pray for revival at Cypress?

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

After studying Nehemiah 2, how is the Holy Spirit stirring in your heart? Specifically, is He stirring you about prayer, revival, or being "sent" to serve in a specific way that builds up the church?

5. **Prayer ...**