

Message Notes

Nehemiah Part 1: Heartbroken

Nehemiah 1:1-11

#1 A good building project is about _____.

→ Nehemiah's place in history

- 930BC - Israel becomes a divided kingdom
- 722 BC - The Northern Kingdom falls to Assyria
- 586 BC - The Southern Kingdom falls to Babylon
- 538 BC - King Cyrus allows some Jews to return - **Ezra 1:1**
Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah

→ Nehemiah is heartbroken over Jerusalem - **vs. 1-4**

→ the reason for his broken heart - **vs. 5-11**

**#2 God's greatest desire has always been the _____
of his _____.**

→ What breaks your heart?

**#3 In order to _____ like God _____,
let's begin to _____ like God _____.**

Group Questions

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1. It's important that a church building project doesn't consume all our attention. Why?
What can we do to guard against that happening?
2. **Read Ezra 1:1-4.** What is surprising about these verses? How are these verses a good representative of what God has done through all of history?
3. **Read Nehemiah 1:1-4.** Why is Nehemiah so heartbroken about the walls of Jerusalem?
4. The things that break your heart are telling. What types of things break your heart? Why do they break your heart?
5. **Read Nehemiah 1:5-11.** Nehemiah's heart broke because Jerusalem was in shambles and God's greatest desire has always been for the deliverance of his people. What does that mean about God and for us in 2018?
6. Nehemiah was willing to prioritize the people in Jerusalem over his personal comfort in Susa. Why is it so hard to prioritize others? Share some examples of when you've seen this done well.
7. **Read 15:1-7.** What do these tell us about God's heart? What's at least one way that you can better reflect that attitude in your personal life? In your church life?