

Discussion Questions for Nehemiah

Outline from Sunday's Sermon:

Nehemiah's faithful obedience was seen through his...

1. Attention to God's Word.
2. Devotion in prayer.
3. Steadfastness despite opposition.
4. Submission to God's sovereign plan.

Discussion Questions:

1. The walls of Jerusalem that had been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar remained in ruins for almost a century and a half until Nehemiah inspired the people to rebuild it. Share about a project that you started but never really got around to finishing. What were some factors that prevented you from finishing it? What might give you the motivation to actually finish it?
2. Read Nehemiah 8:1-3. The people literally stood for over five hours, listening to the Book of the Law being read. There are accounts of Christians today in underground churches, eager to listen to the Word of God for hours on end. How is your spiritual progress in the Word these days? In what areas of Bible intake would you like to grow?
3. Read Nehemiah 1:5-6 and 2:1-4. Prayer takes devotion. How is your current prayer life? Be specific. In what areas of prayer would you like to see growth?
4. Read Nehemiah 4:1-3. Nehemiah remained steadfast despite opposition. His enemies mocked him, spoke badly of him, and even used scare tactics against him. In what ways can Christians in general face opposition today? In what ways have you faced opposition in your own life because of your faith? What does 1 Peter 4:12-14 say about trials and persecution?
5. All throughout the Book of Nehemiah, we see God orchestrating His divine plan. We will never fully understand how God works in our lives, but that's okay. Our responsibility, like that of Nehemiah's, is simply to obey. What area(s) of your life would you like to give over to God in full surrender?