

GODLY LEADERSHIP NEHEMIAH

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

**Questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Ezra 9-10** has helped you?

SECTION 1: READ NEHEMIAH 1: 1-4

2. What facts or Godly leadership qualities do you learn about Nehemiah:

Neh. 1:4, 11_____

Neh. 5:14-16_____

Neh. 7:5-7_____

3. a) What facts or Godly leadership qualities do you learn about Hanani:

Neh. 1:2_____

Neh. 7:2_____

b) Who do you let speak into your life that has similar qualities?

4. In **V4**, what is Nehemiah's initial reaction to the news?

5. Think back to the last time you received news that evoked great emotion.

a) How did you respond?

b) In what ways does Nehemiah's example encourage you to respond differently?

SECTION II: READ NEHEMIAH 1:4-10 - A Godly Leader's prayer:

6. In **V5** what is the tone that is being expressed in the opening of Nehemiah's prayer?

7. How fervently does Nehemiah seek God in **V6**? Give examples.

8. Why do you think Nehemiah confesses for Israel and for his father's house?

9. Why do you think Nehemiah reminds God of His instruction in **V8-9**?

10. a) How does Nehemiah describe God's people in **V10-11**?

- b) How would you describe yourself to God?

11. From **V4** onward, summarize the different parts to Nehemiah's prayer before he even made his ultimate request in **V11**.

SECTION III: RE-READ NEHEMIAH 1:5-11

12. What is Nehemiah's specific request in his prayer in **V11**?

13. a) Describe Nehemiah's occupation (See Nehemiah 2:1).

- b) What kind of relationship with the King would Nehemiah's occupation have fostered?
- c) In what relationship or job position do you feel God readying you for His use?
14. a) In what situation in your life is God calling you to follow Nehemiah's example of laying down a foundation of prayer?
- b) What are some of the specifics for which you need to pray?
15. After studying Nehemiah's prayer, what spurred you on in your own prayer life?

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1. Compare Nehemiah's prayer and Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9.
- a) Describe similarities and differences in context, content and God's response.
- b) What nuggets do you gain regarding prayer from this comparison?

