

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)*

Lesson 19 • Nehemiah 2 • March 2, 2011

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

SECTION I: READ NEHEMIAH 2:1-5

2. Read Nehemiah 1:1 and Nehemiah 2:1. In the Jewish calendar, Kislev is Nov/Dec, and Nisan is Mar/Apr. Approximately 3-4 months had elapsed since Nehemiah's prayer request in ch.1 and his request to the King in ch.2. What does that tell you about Nehemiah?
3. What Godly leadership qualities of Nehemiah are apparent in:
V1b-2 _____
V2b-3 _____
V4-5a _____
V5 _____
4. At the end of **V2**, why do you think Nehemiah is "very much afraid?"
5. In the middle of his conversation with the King, Nehemiah prayed. Describe a time when you prayed in the middle of an important interaction---how were you affected?

SECTION II: READ NEHEMIAH 2:5-9

6. In **V5-7**, notice how Nehemiah uses the words "pleases" and "favor" in his conversation with the King. What does this reveal to you about Nehemiah and his prayer request from Nehemiah 1:11?

7. Summarize what Nehemiah requested of the King and received from **V5-9**.

Requested

Received

8. a) According to **V8**, what is Nehemiah's explanation for the success he received?

b) Recall a recent success of yours or a loved one. What was your primary explanation for that success? (Good luck? Your own efforts? Praising another person? Credit to God?)

9. Glance back at question 2. Write a truth about you've learned in this chapter so far about God's timing versus your own sense of timing?

10. What do you learn from Nehemiah's example of his laying a foundation of prayer in ch.1 and then his acting upon it in ch.2?

SECTION III: READ NEHEMIAH 2:10-20

11. Refer to **V12** and **V16**. Why do you think Nehemiah does not tell anyone what God's plans are through him?

12. Summarize what happened in **V13-15**.

13. a) In **V13-17** what words describe the condition of the:

Walls _____

Gates _____

b) In **V17-20**, what word is repeated 3x that reveals the task "God had put in Nehemiah's heart to do"?

c) Read Zechariah 13:9. What areas of your life need to be burned by the Refiner's fire and rebuilt?

14. Highlight important aspects of Godly leadership revealed in Nehemiah's speech and action in **V17-18**.

15. a) Who are the "enemies" in **V10** and **V19**?

b) Describe their actions and feelings.

c) Identify the Sanballets, Tobiahs and Geshams in your life. How does Nehemiah's confident reply in **V20** encourage you to respond?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. a) In **V20** Nehemiah's confidence came from knowing "The God of heaven will give us success." Record some other people and the success God granted to them.

Genesis 24:40-45a _____

Genesis 39:2-3 _____

1 Samuel 18:12-14 _____

2 Kings 18:5-8 _____

b) In Question #14c you identified sources of discouragement, ridicule & false accusations coming against you as you desire to do all that God has called you to do. Let the following verse be written as a prayer for your specific challenge:

Psalms 118:25 _____

