



Week #5 in The Book of Nehemiah

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Coming Together

- On a scale of 1-10, one means “I don’t handle conflict well” and ten means “I have learned to deal with conflict effectively,” how do you handle conflict? What principles have you learned along the way? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- What typically is your first reaction or feeling when you experience conflict with another person?

Growing in Our Understanding

1. Read Nehemiah 5:1-13 to answer the following questions:
 - What issues seemed to cause the great outcry among the people Nehemiah was leading? Were their complaints legitimate?
 - Why does Nehemiah get so upset with “the nobles and officials” (Neh 5:6)? How do these additional passages help give context to the people’s and Nehemiah’s reactions (Ex 22:25; Deut 23:19-20; Lev 25:35-37)?
 - In Nehemiah 5:6-13, what steps does Nehemiah take to resolve the conflict the people are experiencing in the wall rebuild project?

Unwrapping and Applying God’s Principles

1. Read Matthew 18:15-17. What principles of conflict resolution do we learn from these verses? How does the teaching here compare to Nehemiah’s steps to conflict resolution?
2. Ephesians 4:3 (NLT) says, “Always keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit, and bind yourselves together with peace.” What principles in the passages below help us keep peace within our sphere of influence?
 - James 1:19-20
 - Proverbs 11:12
 - Proverbs 14:29
 - Proverbs 15:1
 - Proverbs 15:18
3. What major obstacles hinder you from being better at conflict resolution?

Deepening Our Hearts for God

- Nehemiah was willing to sacrifice some of his wealth to meet the growing needs of the people around him (Neh 5:10). In what one area of your life have you or would you be willing to make sacrifices to help the people and projects that God has put on your heart?

Looking Ahead

Read Nehemiah 6:1-19. What does Nehemiah do in these verses that further help him be a successful leader?