



Week #1 The Book of Nehemiah

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Coming Together

- If you could be like any famous leader in history, who would it be and why?
- Are there essential qualities that leaders should have?

Growing in Our Understanding

1. Read Nehemiah 1:1-11. What is Nehemiah's position in the Persian Kingdom? Why is this an influential role?
2. What happened in Nehemiah 1:1-4? How did Nehemiah react?
3. Read Nehemiah 2:1-8. What did courage look like for Nehemiah? What might it look like in your life today?
4. Read Nehemiah 6:15-16. How did Nehemiah's neighbors react when the walls of the City of Jerusalem were rebuilt in 52 days?

Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles

1. Why are your availability and character what God is looking for in a leader over abilities?

2. Pastor Chico mentioned several character qualities in Nehemiah that God was looking for in leaders. Pick one or two. Why do you think it is important for a leader to have these qualities:

- *compassion*
- *contemplation*
- *cheerfulness*
- *concentration*
- *creativity*
- *courage*
- *clear conscience*
- *conviction*

3. What would you add to the definition that "a leader is anyone with followers"?

Deepening Our Hearts for God

- What is one aspect of your character that God is really challenging you to grow in right now?
- What is one hope you have in this next season of life together in Life Groups?

Looking Ahead

Take a look at Nehemiah 1:4-11. What is motivating Nehemiah to be passionate about prayer? What does he pray for? What lessons about prayer can we glean from his example??

