



REBUILD

A message series on Nehemiah

PRAYER

Rebuilding – God loves to be involved in the rebuilding in our lives.

OPENING QUESTIONS - Use one or both of these questions to connect with others in your group:

1. Share something that you like to build, make, construct...
2. Can you share a time when you were assembling something and had to take it apart and assemble it again? Why do you think that happened?

KEY POINTS – take a minute to review the key points from this weekend's message

The example of God working through Nehemiah included three main steps...

1. God will break your heart.
2. God will prompt you to pray.
3. God will move you to action.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THIS MESSAGE: Nehemiah 1:1-11, Nehemiah 2:2-8

RESPOND

Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that stuck with you. Give a brief reason for why these things stuck with you.

God Will Break Your Heart

Is there something going on in the world that breaks your heart? i.e. Is there something that you feel is broken, dysfunctional, unjust that you feel needs fixed?

Nehemiah wasn't acting on new information, he had a new perspective. Where in your life is God cultivating a new perspective in you?

God will Prompt You to Pray

List some examples of when people typically turn to prayer? What do you think motivates people to pray?

What do you think motivates God's response to prayer?

Have you prayed for God to "fix" the thing that breaks your heart? What did you ask for?

What did Nehemiah ask for? (Nehemiah 1:11, Nehemiah 2:4,5)

How often do you think Nehemiah prayed? Do you think you pray more, less or about the same as Nehemiah?

What could motivate you to pray more?

God will Move You to Action

Have you ever felt God wanted you to repair something in your family, neighborhood, circle of friends, or a larger venue? If so, did you do it?

What do you think gave Nehemiah the confidence needed to act?

APPLY

Wherever you are on God's rebuilding plan, you can decide to take the next step.

Were you able to identify something that breaks your heart?

If not, this week, look for a way to be more aware of the plight of people suffering from poverty, addiction, disability, or injustice?

If so, have you prayed about it? Be intentional about sharing your heart with God and "listening" for his response.

What will be your first step in rebuilding something that is broken?

PRAY

Be bold and pray with power! Believe that through prayer and faith, anything is possible.