

Rebuild

Week 2 – June 20/21

Scripture: Nehemiah 2:1-10

Grab your Bible and a few people to connect with. Look up the verses below and share your thoughts. It's that easy!

Share: This is the season to honor the fathers in our community. Who in your life do you celebrate on Father's Day? (Dads, male relatives, father-figures, etc)

Read Nehemiah 2:1-10, Isaiah 40:31, and James 4:3 together: Take turns reading if you prefer. Enjoy the different Bible translations we each read.

Discuss the following context:

There's not many people that like to wait, but as we walk with Jesus we face many seasons of waiting. If we don't understand what God is up to while we're waiting or what we should do in these seasons, we'll miss this truth: *our seasons of waiting are times of training.*

God's desire to work through us always begins with a work in us. Usually these two experiences have a period in-between them that can feel like nothing is happening. Nehemiah spent a few months praying, fasting, and weeping for what was going on in his hometown and WAITING for the opportunity to DO SOMETHING about it. As we wait, we need to know that God is active even if we can't see what He is doing.

Share your thoughts about the following questions:

1. The WAIT in the present makes us prepare for the WEIGHT of the future. Nehemiah modeled actively waiting on God. Can you think of a time you got through a time of waiting only to find yourself not prepared? Were you unprepared because you didn't wait on God or for another reason?
2. Consider the difference between making a decision out of faith and making a decision out of fear. How could praying and asking God for clarity influence making a decision in your life?
3. When God moves us, He uses us in community, not isolation. What could happen if while waiting on the WHAT, you looked for the WHO?

Pray together: Ask each other to share what is on your heart today. Praying with persistence during seasons of waiting positions us to receive what God is training us to do. Thank God for the work He does in us. Thank God for actively working even when we cannot see what He is doing.

Question for Kids and Families: Nehemiah 2:8b says "And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests." Nehemiah needed the King's approval to start a big project that God was training him to do. Nehemiah prayed for God's help to get the King's approval. What big project do you need God's help with? How can you pray about it?