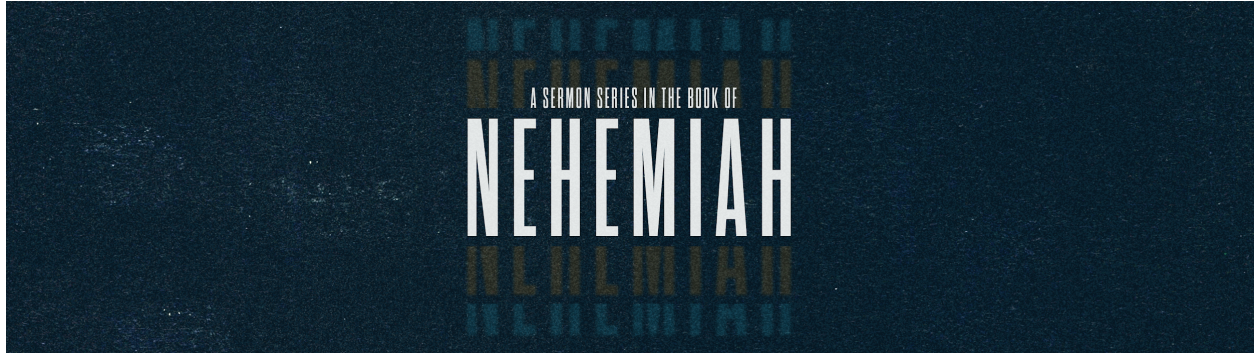


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## Nehemiah 1

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### **Explore - Take time to think through the text/sermon.**

Take some time to listen to the sermon before you engage your Missional Community.

- What stood out from the sermon?
- How did the Spirit challenge you to respond?
- Did you find yourself needing to confess anything on the way to communion?

### **Experience - Try to engage the text in a practical way BEFORE you gather.**

There are a few themes that are presented in this text. Let's try to find them.

- What were some of the key themes Nehemiah models in his prayer?
- How might starting with "Who God is" change the way you pray?
- Nehemiah weeps and pleads through prayer/fasting/scripture citation. When you are in emotional duress how do you respond?

### **Evaluate - Time to discuss as a community DURING your M.C. gathering.**

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- What are some ways knowing the word of God helps keep you a pillar within the culture? (Think about the promises of God)
  - Does your prayer life begin with “Who is God?” or “What can you do for me?” How might a change of order impact your prayer life?
  - When you look at the current state of the culture and the church what thoughts come to mind? How could the church better educate you?
  - How does the gospel give you courage to stand against the cultural waves?

## **Equip - Train Others as you *GATHER* for when you *SCATTER*.**

### **Gospel Application**

The only way you can truly stand firm in the culture is by standing firm on the word of God. You have to be able to recall the various promises of God throughout the scripture, and know where to go to see God fulfill those promises.

- Take a moment to consider and discuss some of the fears your Missional Community share.
- After listening to one another confess those fears. Take a little time to close out the evening confessing those fears, and sharing how those fears have lead you further away from God.
- Ask God to strengthen you to stand firm.

### **Get Connected:**

Check out the upcoming events in the weekly email.  
Sign up for the Marriage Retreat on the Church Center App!

**Quote of the day:** “Few men repent for remaining silent.” - Spurgeon

***Resources:*** Article Mentioned in Sermon about 14 year old being removed from home:

<https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/montana-governor-defends-removal-of-14-year-old-from-parents-who-opposed-gender-identity-greg-gianforte-krista-todd-kolstad-lgbt-transgender-social-transition-custody#>