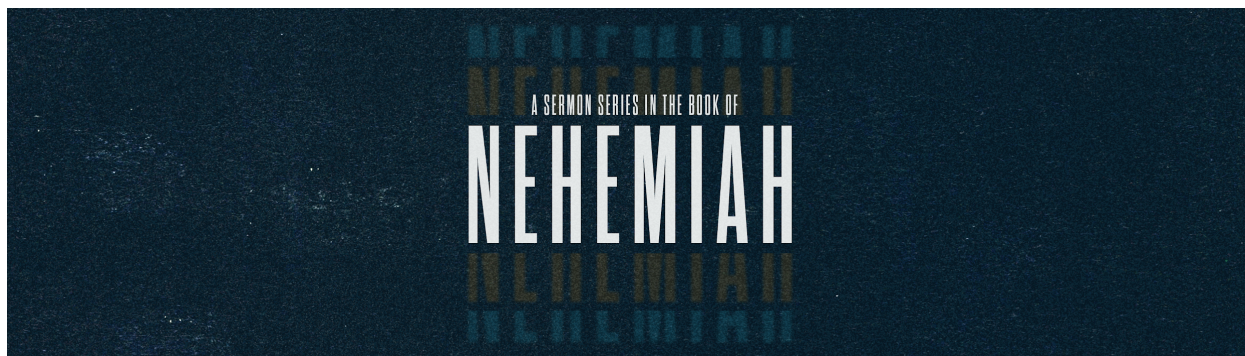


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Nehemiah 2:1-8



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.

- How much time passed from chapter 1 and chapter 2 of Nehemiah?
- Do you process your requests before you ask something of the King ?
- Nehemiah models reverent fear before the King. Do you pray with the same mindset as Nehemiah?

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

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- One of the questions Pastor Corey asked was, “What are you requesting?” What is the primary request of your prayer life right now?
 - We do not deserve an audience with the King, yet he asks what we need. How does this reality shift the way you view God’s grace?
 - “Sometimes God says “Yes”, and sometimes he says, “No.” How does the gospel give you courage to keep praying even when God says “No.”?

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

Prayer is the most important aspect for the life of a Christian. Prayer reveals humility, submission, and the reality that we are not on the throne.

- Take a moment to discuss some areas of your life that Jesus inviting you to take off your crown, step down from the throne, and submit to him as Lord and Savior.
- After listening to each other share take a moment to pray and ask the Spirit to help lead you to surrender.
- Ask God to reveal some ways that he is both Lord and Savior / King and Servant / Law and Gospel.

Get Connected:

Check out the upcoming events in the weekly email.

Sign up for the Marriage Retreat on the Church Center App! (Thursday is the last day!!!)

Quote of the day: “It is not the size of the prayer, but the sincerity of it.” - Spurgeon

Resources: *One of the commentaries we are using for the series.*

<https://www.amazon.com/Exalting-Ezra-Nehemiah-Christ-Centered-Exposition-Commentary/dp/0805496742>