

Small Group Study Guide

“From Routine To Rebuilder”

Nehemiah 1:1-2:8

Pastor Mark Kilcup

Relate

Describe your past involvement in church; at ERCC or elsewhere.

Review

Read Nehemiah 1:1-2:8 together.

In chapter 1:4, what was troubling Nehemiah?

What was the solution to the problem before Nehemiah?

What role did “calling” have in Nehemiah’s actions?

Pastor Mark quoted Senator Dan Coates, “Character cannot be summoned at the moment of crisis if it has been squandered by years of compromise and rationalization. The only testing ground for the heroic is the mundane. Habit is the daily battle ground of character.” How is godly character cultivated in our lives on a daily basis?

Dig

Read and discuss the calling, character, and response of other biblical characters:

Moses—Exodus 3:1-10

Samuel—1 Samuel 1:1-2, 6-11, 24-28; 3:1-14

Jeremiah—Jeremiah 1:4-10

Peter—John 1:35-42; 13:36-38; 21:15-18

Pastor Mark described two aspects of God’s call on our lives: the call to salvation and the call to service. How does Romans 12:1-6 apply to God’s call on our lives to be set apart (consecrated)?

Live

Is there a ministry area or relationship where God might be leading you to respond to His calling? Is there a “nudge” of the Holy Spirit, confirmation of the body, an opportunity? Explain

Is there any impurity that stands in the way of hearing or responding to God’s calling in your life? (*“Remove the scum from the silver, so the silver can be used by the silversmith.”* Proverbs 25:4)

How can we, as a small group, encourage you in responding to this call?