

Small Group Study Guide

“The Four Directions Of Prayer”

Nehemiah 1:4-11

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Relate

Describe a time, event, or situation that you spent an extended amount of time praying about. What was the outcome?

Review

Read Nehemiah 1:1-11 together.

What is the significance of Nehemiah’s confession? Whose actions was he confessing?

Pastor Mark covered four directions of prayer. Which do you practice most often? Why?

1. Look upward in dependence (Neh 1:5-6a)
2. Look inward in repentance (Neh 1:6b-7)
3. Look backward with gratitude (Neh 1:8-10)
4. Look forward with confidence (Neh 1:11)

Pastor Mark discussed praying scripture. Have you ever done this? How has it impacted your prayer life?

Dig

Read and discuss the four directions of prayer, as they are found in Daniel 9:1-19. Write Daniel’s statements under the appropriate category. How does this relate to Nehemiah’s prayer? How does it impact the way you pray?

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How can we pray the following New Testament scriptures?

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Ephesians 1:15-23

Colossians 1:9-10

Live

Create a small group prayer journal that will be used to record and track prayer requests and results.

Spend some time praying for Compassion Weekend; the projects and opportunities to share the gospel with those we minister to.

Commit to praying scripture for ERCC; its ministry, members, and leadership.