

Small Group Study Guide

“Three Impacts of Prayer”

Nehemiah 2:1-10

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Relate

Take turns in your group discussing a current or recent project that required planning? Did things go according to plan? What could have made a difference?

Review

Read Nehemiah 2:1-10 together.

Explore, through discussion, the opposition that Nehemiah faced in approaching King Artaxerxes. Consider Ezra 4:19-20.

How did prayer impact the heart of Artaxerxes?

Nehemiah was prepared when the opportunity arose. What part did prayer have in this for Nehemiah?

Nehemiah’s pattern was to pray first, pray in the midst, and pray after the answer. Only after praying, did he plan, act, or work. What is your typical pattern?

Dig

What observations and principles can we understand about God’s attention and desire for our heart from the following scriptures?

-1 Samuel 16:7-9

-1 Chronicles 28:9; 29:16-18

-Psalm 139:23

-Matthew 15:19

-1 Thessalonians 2:4

-Hebrews 4:12

Who hardened Pharaoh’s heart? What was the purpose of Pharaoh’s heart being hardened?

-Exodus 4:21; 7:3, 13, 22; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:12,34-35;
10:1, 20, 27; 11:10, 14:4, 8, 17

What is the Lord’s desire for the heart of the believer?

Live

Spend time this week praying for the heart’s of our school, city, state, and federal leaders.

Pray (and fast if you can) for God to work through our efforts on compassion weekend.