

Past to Present: What task are you praying about for God's Kingdom?

1. Where was Nehemiah when he heard about Jerusalem and what was the news?

2. What was Nehemiah's first response?

3. What was the response to crisis in each of these passages?

I Kings 17:17-22 _____

I Samuel 7:7-9 _____

Psalm 34:4-7 _____

II Corinthians 12:7-9 _____

4. What is your first reaction to unexpected bad news?

Section II. Read Nehemiah 1:4-11.

5. How often did Nehemiah pray in his distress?

6. How did Nehemiah use the four elements of prayer?

Praise _____

Confession _____

Thanksgiving (Recalling fulfilled promises) _____

Petition _____

7. Are each of these present in your prayer life? Which one is most difficult for you to incorporate?

Section III. Read Nehemiah 1:4-7.

8. What attributes of God did Nehemiah mention in his prayer?

9. What promises has God kept to you this week and how will you remember them in your prayers?

10. Compare Psalm 32:1-5; Proverbs 28:13; I John 1:9 with Nehemiah 1:6-7. Why do you think God requires us to confess?

11. What are the results if we choose not to confess?

Section IV. Read Nehemiah 1:8-9.

12. What was the result of disobedience among the Jews?

13. What scripture(s) was Nehemiah quoting as he claimed a promise from the Lord in 1: 9?

14. When you feel alienated from the Lord, what scripture has God given you that brings comfort and/or hope?

Section V. Read Nehemiah 1:1-11.

15. In verse 11, what specific request did Nehemiah make of God?

16. How do you think Nehemiah's attitude changed as he fasted and prayed?

17. How did prayer prepare him to take action?

18. Name some benefits of prayer you have experienced recently.

19. What would change if you prayed before taking action every time there was a crisis...

...personally? _____

...in your family? _____

...in your church? _____

20. What challenges will you accept as a result of the confidence you have received through prayer?