

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. In what area(s) of our lives do we have a hard time choosing patience instead of trying to “do it ourselves”?

What is one step we can take this week to cultivate a heart of patience before the Lord in that area?

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

MESSAGE NOTES

Nehemiah Series

“The People God Uses - Part 2”

(Text: Nehemiah 1:1-11)

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What are the qualities of the people God uses:

- (1) A Right Concern About The Right Things (Nehemiah 1:1-3)
- (2) An Ability to Weep (Nehemiah 1:3-4)
- (3) A Willingness to Fast and Pray (Nehemiah 1:4)
- (4) A High View of God (Nehemiah 1:5-6)
- (5) An _____ to _____
(Nehemiah 1:6-7)

There’s really a _____ - _____ here:

#1 – We don’t like to _____ our _____.

#2 – We don’t even _____ what _____ is _____.

_____ is NOT what we _____ it is or

what _____ thinks it is. _____ is what _____ says it is!

- (6) A holy _____ to claim _____
(Nehemiah 1:8-10)
- (7) A right view of _____ (Nehemiah 1:11c)
- (8) A sense of _____ (Nehemiah 1:11d)
- (9) A knowledge of what is _____ (Nehemiah 1:11e)

Four things about prayer:

1. Prayer _____ me _____.
2. Prayer _____ my _____.
3. Prayer _____ my _____.
4. Prayer _____ my _____.

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CONNECT GROUP HOMEWORK

For the week of February 16, 2020

GETTING STARTED _____

1. Our world today moves a lot faster than it used to. What are some differences you have noticed even from a few years ago?

How do you think the “speed” of our world affects our level of patience?
How do you handle waiting?

2. Was there a time adversity pushed you to your knees (literally or figuratively) in prayer? What was the impact on the roots of your faith?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. Nehemiah took ownership and was honest with God about who contributed to the problem. What does **Proverbs 28:13** teach us about the importance of confession?

How does confessing our sins prepare us for the plans God has for us?

2. It's been said one of the most difficult things to do is be right without being hurtful. With this in mind, read **Ephesians 4:15, 25, 29-32**. What are some ways we can express truth, even difficult truth, graciously? How is it possible to confront and still build up?

How is Jesus described in **John 1:14**? What's the danger of speaking truth without grace? What's the danger of speaking grace without truth?

How did Jesus embody both of these qualities?

3. After praying, Nehemiah waited. Read **James 5:7-11**. How do faith and patience go together? How is a farmer an example of patience for us?

Read **Job 1:20-22**. How does Job's story help give us perspective when we're waiting on God?