

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. How can handling dissension in a God-honoring way serve as a witness to those outside the church?

2. What can we do to promote unity in our church, families and community during this current crisis?

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

MESSAGE NOTES

Nehemiah
"How to Handle Dissension"
(Text: Nehemiah 5:1-13)

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(1) The absence of _____ always leads to the presence of _____.

FOUR THINGS:

1. There was _____ in the land (vs. 2-3).
2. Exorbitant _____ (vs. 4)
3. High _____ (vs. 5 & 7)
4. Families were selling their _____ as _____ (vs. 5).

_____ are no excuse to _____ your back on _____.
That's the exact opposite of what we need to do.

(2) When strife comes, _____ almost certainly will _____.

It's not _____ to get _____.

(3) Doing what's _____ is always better than _____ people what's _____.

(4) _____ is always _____ and _____.

(5) Genuine _____ always brings _____.

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of April 5, 2020

GETTING STARTED _____

1. Crises always create stress. In this current crisis, what has caused you the most stress?

2. How do you normally respond when conflicts arise? Why?

2. It's easy to get so focused on the work at hand that we don't stop, listen and show compassion to others. In what areas of your life can you sometimes be too task-driven to hear the needs or concerns of people who rely on you?

What are some simple things we can do to help those who are struggling during this crisis?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. What are some common issues that cause conflict among people, even Christians, today?

3. Have you ever heard someone say, "Do as I say, not as I do?" What did you think of that at the time and why is that bad advice?

Why is dissension a big deal and something we can't take lightly in the church? According to the following verses, how should we respond when we encounter dissension?

- **2 Timothy 2:23**

- **Titus 3:9**

What kind of leadership did Paul demonstrate in **2 Timothy 2:2** and **Philippians 4:9**? Why is that important for us?