



COMPASS
CHURCH

Connection Group Questions

August 30, 2020

Nehemiah 2:1-8

GETTING STARTED:

1. Imagine that suddenly there are 25 hours in a day. What do you do with the extra hour?

THE MESSAGE:

2. Reread Nehemiah 2:1-8. When the King asked Nehemiah what he needed (verse 4) what does Nehemiah do before he answers? Why was this important?

3. What was Nehemiah's attitude toward the king in verse 2? Do you see a shift after he prays in verse 4 ?

4. Pastor Ronn made 3 points from this passage of Scripture. What were they?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

5. Nehemiah does more than just ask for permission to go to Judah. What else does he ask for in verses 7-8? What does this tell us about Nehemiah's faith and God's faithfulness?

6. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.



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7. Read Ezra 4:7-23 and then reread Nehemiah 2:1-8. The events and letter described in Ezra happened **before** the events we read about in Nehemiah 2. By asking to be allowed to rebuild Jerusalem, Nehemiah is asking the king to reverse the decision he made earlier (Ezra 4:21-22).

How might the events of Ezra 4 have affected Nehemiah’s approach to the king ?

MY LIFE:

8. Pastor Ronn made the point that our past prepare us for our future. When you look at your own life have there been difficult circumstances in your past that actually prepared and equipped you for something later - maybe even something good?

9. Four months passed between Nehemiah’s prayer in Nehemiah 1, which we discussed last week, and his conversation with the king here in Nehemiah 2. It is clear from verses 7-8 that Nehemiah gave a lot of thought - and prayer - to what he would need to rebuild Jerusalem.

When you find yourself waiting for God to move, do you pray and plan, or just wait? Do you ever find yourself frustrated by God’s timing ?

10. Nehemiah ends this passage by saying “the gracious hand of God was on me” (verse 8). How have you seen the gracious hand of God at work in your own life?
