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Small Group Participant Guide

Nehemiah 1:1-11 | First Response

Key Verse: Remember for my good, O my God, all I have done for my people. (Nehemiah 5:19, ESV)

Objectives: Through your time exploring this passage, your will:

Discuss the internal conflicts that potentially undermined the Jews' efforts to rebuild the wall.

Analyze the role Nehemiah played in bringing resolution to these conflicts.

Apply the principles Nehemiah employed to our circumstances where God can use you to resolve conflicts that potentially derail the good work God intends to accomplish through you.

Preying on one another (Nehemiah 5:1-5)

What stands out to you in these passages?

In the first two verses, we see husbands and wives voicing a complaint. Remember from earlier chapters, it is clear that entire families are involved in this work, and now they are expressing their concerns as a result. With the men working on the walls during the day and being on guard at night, it is likely that the women worked more in the harvest than was typical. What do you see in their outcry?

What parallels exist between the problems faced in this passage, and what challenges face families today?

Nehemiah's Response (Nehemiah 5:6-13)

Look at verses 6 and 7. What do you see in Nehemiah that you can identify with and learn from?

What is significant to you in how Nehemiah responded to the "nobles and officials?"

In verses 12-13, the leaders agree to these terms, and they take an oath before God to return their greedy gains and change their practices. The entire community agreed, and the people kept their word. What do these verses tell us about the role God should have in our internal conflicts?

Nehemiah's "Track Record" (Nehemiah 5:14-19)

What is significant to you in this passage?

Is Nehemiah's prayer self-serving? Why or why not? What from this important verse applies to us today?

What is one "take-away" for you from this chapter?