

FOR SMALL GROUPS OR PERSONAL STUDY

Welcome! This morning we are launching into a study through ***the OT book of Nehemiah***. While we hope that everyone enjoys this study, more than anything our prayer is that we will all find ourselves challenged and encouraged by it.

READ: Nehemiah 1:1-11

1. A _____ **Situation:**

What did Nehemiah learn about Jerusalem that he could have easily ignored?

Can you think of ways in which people experience “debris” in life today? What about churches?

Where are you most tempted to say, “That not my problem?” Why?

2. A _____ **Heart:**

What does Nehemiah’s response in v4 tell us about his heart?

What kinds of things tend to break your heart?

3. A _____ **Knee:**

What did Nehemiah do immediately after hearing the news about Jerusalem?

How did Nehemiah open his prayer? Why do you think his prayer started that way?

When you are dealing with difficult circumstances, what is usually your first response—complain, blame, control, withdraw, blame or prayer?

4. A _____ **Plan:**

Have you ever sense God leading you to take a step that required courage?

Is there an area of your life where you believe God may be saying, “It’s time to take a step”?