

Nehemiah
"Strengthen My Hands"
(Nehemiah 6:9)

Nehemiah Chapter 5: Friction From Within

Nehemiah dealt with sin appropriately (v 1-8)

- 1) Describe the situation in Jerusalem. What were the people upset about? Was this a legitimate complaint?

Reflect: God's view of these things: Exodus 22:25; Leviticus 25:39-40; Jeremiah 22:13

- 2) What was Nehemiah's response to their sin? How did it display wisdom? What does this teach us about how to handle anger?

Reflect: John 2:13-17; 1 Thessalonians 1:10b; Ephesians 4:26

Nehemiah rebuked the people (v 9-13)

- 1) What does it mean to rebuke? What is to be the attitude and motivation of the heart of the one who is rebuking? Why does this matter?

Reflect: Proverbs 7:25; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 10:24-25

- 2) How did the people respond to Nehemiah's rebuke? What is the role of accountability within the body of Christ? What is it meant to produce in us? Are there areas of sin in your life that you need to confront?

Nehemiah feared God so he was generous and lived to please God over man (v 14-21)

- 1) How did Nehemiah's reverent fear of God determine his personal response to this situation? What kind of leader was he? Who is our role model of perfect leadership?

Reflect: 2 Corinthians 8:9; 1 Peter 5:2-3; Galatians 1:10

- 2) Are you walking in the fear of the Lord? What does this look like for you? Is money an idol for you? Why is the love of money so destructive? How can we use money to glorify God?

Reflect: Hebrews 13:5a; 1 Timothy 6:10, 17-19; Matthew 6:21; Proverbs 3:9; Proverbs 15:16; Proverbs 3:7-8; Proverbs 22:4