

Sermon Discussion Questions

Speaker: Dr. Stephen Burrell

Topic: Nehemiah

Scriptures – Nehemiah 1:1-11

- Briefly summarize the main points of the sermon.
- What questions do you still have from today's sermon?
- Read Vv. 1-3.
 - What do these verses tell us about Nehemiah's character and love for his nation?
 - Why do you think Hanani (vs. 3) described the condition of the Jews as great "shame"?
 - How do you tend to respond when you hear hard news?
- Read Vv. 4-11.
 - Read the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). Look for similar patterns in the prayer and discuss how that should impact our prayer lives.
 - Why do you think Nehemiah included a confession of Israel's sins in his prayer, even though he was likely not directly responsible for all of them?
- Nehemiah's prayer shows both dependence on God and a willingness to act. How can you balance prayer and action in your own life?
- What currently breaks your heart for God? How are you seeking to get involved? How are you creating a balance between prayer and action?
- Is there something God is calling you to do that you need to step into?

