

Ice Breaker: What's your favorite excuse to get out of something?

Read: Nehemiah 2:1-20, Nehemiah 1:3-9 and 6:15-16

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thought
 - On a scale of 1-10, how close is your proximity to God?
 - Why do you think God positioned Nehemiah in a place of influence before revealing the mission?
- The Decision to be God-Centered (Nehemiah 1:3-9)
 - Why is repentance a necessary starting point for a God-centered life?
 - What areas in your life do you need to surrender to God?
 - How does taking responsibility for your actions lead to restoration?
 - How does Nehemiah's prayer in chapter 1 prepare him for his moment with the king in chapter 2?
- The Decision to Be Faith-Focused (Nehemiah 2:1–5, 2:17–20)
 - What stands out to you about Nehemiah's interaction with the king?
 - What risks did Nehemiah take in pursuing God's mission? What risks might God be asking you to take?
 - o How do you personally wrestle with fear when stepping out in faith?
 - What does it mean to let faith—not fear—have the final say?
- The Decision to Be Servant-Hearted (Nehemiah 2:20)
 - How does a servant-hearted posture impact leadership and influence?
 - What does servant-heartedness look like in your current context?
- Closing Thought: The Decision to Be Future-Oriented (Nehemiah 6:15–16)
 - Why is it important to live with the end in mind?
 - o What will you apply in your life based on what you learned this week?

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

