

Ice Breaker

What do you love most about your city?

Read: Nehemiah 1:1-11, Nehemiah 2:1-5, Jeremiah 29:4-7, Revelation 21:1-7

Discussion Questions: —

- [Big Questions of The Series
 - Will You Accept God's Mission for Your Life? Will You Join God's Mission for the City?]
- The Call to Repentance (Nehemiah 1:3–7)
 - What role do lament, fasting, and prayer play in healing a city?
 - Why is repentance a necessary first step in restoration?
 - How can we repent for systemic or communal sins we didn't personally commit?
- The Call to Reconciliation (Nehemiah 1:8–10)
 - What does exile mean?
 - How does seeing ourselves as "exiled sinners" change our posture toward others?
 - What does reconciliation look like in a divided or hurting city?
 - What are some practical ways we can be agents of reconciliation in our neighborhoods?
- [Challenge] Ask God, "Who do I need to reconnect with and/or forgive this week?"
- The Call to Responsibility (Nehemiah 1:11, Jeremiah 29:4–7)
 - What does it mean to take responsibility for the spiritual and social health of your city?
 - How can prayer lead to action in seeking the peace and prosperity of your city?
 - What does being a "servant" in God's mission look like in your daily life?
- Final Thought: The Call to Rebuild (Nehemiah 2:1–5)
 - What does it mean to let God rebuild you before you rebuild the city?
 - What's the difference between rebuilding with love and rebuilding with profit in mind?
 How can we ensure our efforts to restore the city are led by God's heart?
 - What will you apply in your life based on what you learned this week?

