

Sunday 10th October – Home Group Questions

Nehemiah Chapter 2 starts 4 months after Nehemiah hears and weeps about the situation in Jerusalem.

When have you had to wait before you were able to act and respond to a problem?

How do you respond to periods of having to wait? Have you found that God is able to use this time?

Freshly commissioned by Jesus with the great commission what are the disciples told to do after Jesus ascension? (Acts 1:4)

How do they make use of this time of waiting? (Acts 1:14)

Nehemiah was waiting and praying, but he had also started to think through what needed to be done – what evidence can you see in Nehemiah 2:1-10 that he had a vision and strategy for what needed to be done?

How do you think Nehemiah's position and experience might have helped him?

Where has God put you in a position of influence? This might be influencing those around you through your example of how you live and act.

What skills has God given you?

How are you or could you use those skills and positions of influence for God? Thinking especially about the burdens that were shared last week – are you in a position to respond to the need God has shown you?

As Nehemiah stepped out in faith and spoke to the king he was clearly afraid! What do you think gave him courage to speak and share his requests?

What gives you courage to step out in faith even when you feel nervous or afraid?

Spend time in prayer together, continuing to pray for areas you have burdens for, and asking for the wisdom and courage to be able to respond to those needs.