

NEHEMIAH

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Re: GROUP

STUDY GUIDE: RE: Ready for God's Timing and Provision

Text: Nehemiah 2:1-8

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. **The Burden of Prayer:** When was the last time you experienced a persistent burden for someone or something? How did you respond to that feeling, and did it lead you to pray or take action?
2. **Understanding Prayer Burdens:** Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit prompting you to intercede for someone unexpectedly? What was the situation, and how did you handle it?
3. **The Risk of Obeying God:** Nehemiah took a significant risk by showing sadness in front of the king. What risks have you taken in your life to obey God? What was the outcome?
4. **Crisis of Belief:** Nehemiah experienced a crisis of belief when he was faced with the decision to step forward or shrink back. Have you ever faced a crisis of belief in your spiritual journey? What did it teach you?
5. **Quick Prayers in Moments of Need:** Nehemiah prayed a quick "help me" prayer in a moment of need. Have you ever prayed a similar short prayer in a crisis or moment of decision? What role did those prayers play in your experience?
6. **Preparation and Timing:** Nehemiah had prayed, fasted, and prepared before asking the king for permission. How do you prepare for the things God calls you to do, both spiritually and practically? How do you discern God's timing?
7. **God's Favor and Character:** Nehemiah had built a good reputation with the king. Would the way you live your life and conduct your work make it possible or impossible for you to be used by God? Why is character important in God's calling?
8. **Faith and God's Sovereignty:** Nehemiah's success was attributed to God's favor. How do you recognize God's hand in your life when things seem to go smoothly? How can we remain humble and acknowledge God's sovereignty in every success?

9. **Trusting God's Provision:** When the king responded positively to Nehemiah's request, it was a sign of God's provision. Have you experienced a time when God provided unexpectedly in response to your prayers? What did you learn about His faithfulness?
10. **Waiting on the Lord's Timing:** Nehemiah knew it was important to wait on God's timing. How do you differentiate between when it's time to act and when it's time to wait in your own life?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. **Praying and Acting:** The sermon pointed out three mistakes when dealing with problems: praying and doing nothing, doing something without praying, and doing something but not waiting on God's timing. Which of these mistakes have you made, and how can you avoid them moving forward?
2. **Living a Life of Prayer:** Do you agree that battles are won in life as a result of a life of prayer? How can you cultivate a deeper prayer life to experience victory in the battles you face?