

Nehemiah-Request

Text: Nehemiah 1-2

Purpose: How to gain a sense of purpose. Purpose begins with passion, but passion becomes a purpose through prayer and opportunity.

Opening Question: *What are the things you are passionate about?*

Read and Discuss: Nehemiah 1-2

1. *What is Nehemiah's response to the trouble Jerusalem is facing? When you look at your family and community what burdens do you have?*
2. *What can stir up passion in a person? What can cause a person to lose passion?*
3. *Why is it easy to deny or hide from the troubles of our time? What happens when we try to avoid problems around us?*
4. *What changes Nehemiah to move from despair to action? What happens in prayer that can give us courage and lead us toward action?*
5. *What role could you play in the burdens you have for your family/community? What does committing to these burdens for the rest of your life look like?*