

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - Sept. 12-13, 2020

Series: *Nehemiah: Rebuild. Restore. Renew.*

Title: "Don't Forget"

Text: Nehemiah 13:2: "...Yet, our God turned the curse into a blessing"

Target: The lessons of Nehemiah are not just to be LEARNED but LIVED!

GETTING STARTED:

Question #1: As we enter Nehemiah 13 and wrap-up our study, what in particular has stood out to you from this book? Is there a thought, motivation, conviction, reflection or verse that has impacted you specifically from the book of Nehemiah?

GOING DEEPER:

1. Divine Disruption: A God interruption is an invitation to join Him.

Nehemiah 1: Moment of Truth: Proximity Causes Empathy

Nehemiah 2: Midnight Ride: From a place of Burden is your purpose for Blessing

Nehemiah 3: Shoulder to Shoulder: We're better together than apart!

Question #2: How do you tend to view interruptions in your life today? Does your current pace of life allow you to have eyes to see interruptions as invitations to join God? Why or why not? If a story comes to mind, share with the group a time when a disruption has turned into a divine appointment.

2. Divine Direction: With every victory from God comes a form of opposition.

Nehemiah 4: I Got Your Back: Overcoming obstacles is not doing it alone

Nehemiah 5: Win-Win Approach: Peacemakers are Winsome people

- Win people, NOT arguments
- Integrity matters
- No one wants your opinion on everything
- Seek to be informed
- Offer a hand, not a stone
- Maintain truth and good relationship
- Elevate Jesus

Nehemiah 6: Dealing with Distractions: Distractions will determine your decision-making process.

Question #3: Point number two reminds us that with every victory from God comes a form of opposition. We know that God gives us His Word, His Spirit and His people to help us overcome obstacles. Share a time when you've recently benefited from God's Word, Spirit or people to find victory and overcome opposition.

3. Divine Devotion: A God Conviction comes with Commitment.

Nehemiah 7: What's on my Heart: I want my life to count, I want my life to be courageous, I want my life to contribute.

Nehemiah 8: Captivated by Truth: Assembled around God's Word, Attentive to God's Word, Apply God's Word.

Nehemiah 9: History is HIS-STORY. Your story is better told in HIS-STORY!

Question #4: We want to be people of divine devotion who are committed to God, His Word, and His ways. Jesus says "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) How are you positioning your life to remain committed to the vine today? What are ways we can hold one another accountable as a group to being committed to God's Word and His ways?

IV. Divine Distinction: Faith in God was never intended to be private!

Nehemiah 10: Sign, Sealed, Delivered: Talk is cheap, and empty promises have never changed the world!

Nehemiah 11: The Vibe of Valor: VALOR is more than a medal to achieve, but a declaration to receive.

- **Volunteers Graciously:** Sees the Need and Steps forward
- **Accepts Responsibility:** Understands the Cause is greater than the Cost
- **Leads Courageously:** Not allowing Fear to be the Driver, but only a passenger
- **Overcomes Insufficiency:** Labels, limitations, situations that are lacking become opportunities for legacy
- **Relies Heavenly:** Our source of strength is not in ourselves

Question #5: Our faith in God was never intended to be private. It begins with baptism (our outward expression of our inward faith) and continues with our works as our light shines before others to glorify God. (Matthew 5:16) How public is your faith today? Do you know your spiritual gifts and have you identified areas where you can "volunteer graciously" on a regular basis?

Nehemiah 12: Walking on the Walls: The moments in life that teach you the most may not always be the most treasured, but they are often the most transformational.

Takeaway: Failing to Remember will be a Failure to Remember!

FINISH BY PRAYING AS A GROUP.