

Connect Group Discussion Guide

Week 2 – 4 Keys for Rebuilding

Series: Rebuild for Revival

GOAL: This Week's discussion should focus on the 4 keys we need to possess in our understanding for getting ready to rebuild our life in a posture for Revival.

DISCUSSION STARTER: Ask everyone how their week was and for them to share anything God has laid on their heart/doing in their life/anything that stood out in this message.

GROUP ACTIVITY: Read together Nehemiah 2:4-8 (maybe divide the passage up to give a few people a chance to read) After reading – ask: Has anyone ever asked for a "bold" permission and it was granted? Does anyone have a "bold" request that they are waiting for a door to open for?

DISCUSSION:

1. In Nehemiah chapter 2, we see that the reason the King grants Nehemiah's request is that he has favor. Point #1 was "Favor Comes from Devotion" – What does this mean for you? Read Psalm 84:11 and talk about "What part do we play in devoting ourselves to God?"
2. Point #2 was "Advancement Comes with Opposition" – Describe a time in your life (past or present) when opposition came at you in the face of advancement – how did you handle it?
3. Say – Favor doesn't mean the task is going to be easy. Why do we get so surprised when opposition comes when things are going right for us? Nehemiah 2:19-20 shows us that the enemy tried to slander Nehemiah's name – how should we respond when that happens? After responses – read 2 Corinthians 10:4-5. Talk about how to "cast down arguments" in a Godly way.
4. Point #3 was "Success Begins with Solitude" – Read Nehemiah 2:11-12 and talk about the importance of alone time with God before you start to Rebuild the things in your life. Refer to John 15:4-5 about "remaining" in Jesus – Ask everyone "What does "remaining" look like?"
5. Point #4 was "Agreement Begins with Assessment" – Read Nehemiah 2:13-16 and then read Luke 14:27-30 – What does counting the cost look like? Why is it so important? How does counting the cost relate to the cross?
6. In Nehemiah 2:17-18 we see that the people were in agreement, after years of failure, to come together in unity to rebuild the walls. Talk about how unity comes from we, as leaders in the community, truly count the cost and don't compromise our faith.

PRAY: Take Prayer Requests and post them to the Connect Group FB Wall with the number of people that came to group and write down the names as well.