

Connect Group Discussion Guide

Week 6 – Rebuilding with Conflict

Series: Rebuild for Revival

GOAL: This Week's discussion should focus on the idea of how to respond when conflict happens in your life.

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: As someone to read Ephesians 4:2-4 and talk about why or why not it is difficult for one to be humble, gentle, and to make allowances for other's faults. Ask: What is the hardest part for you? Why is it so important and necessary for the revival? What does revival mean to you?

DISCUSSION:

1. We read in Nehemiah 5:1-5 that conflict arose in the midst of the people and that Nehemiah stopped the work in order to deal with the conflict. Point #1 "Resolve Conflicts in Kingdom Order" talked about how to go about resolving the conflict. **Read Matthew 18:15-17** and discuss the order of how to deal with offenses in your life.
2. Have you ever done this out of order and why is it so important to follow the order? What are negative consequences of going out of order? What does it mean to treat a person as a pagan/corrupt tax collector if the offender doesn't take correction (**Matthew 18:17**)?
3. Point #2 was "Resolve Conflicts in a Kingdom Manner". Discuss **1 Corinthians 3:3**
4. We read in **Nehemiah 5:6**, that he was angry when he heard the complaints. Discuss anger and how, if not dealt with, can be negative. Is anger a sin? If not, when does it become sin? Refer to **Hebrews 12:15** and talk about bitter roots.
5. Part of dealing with offense in a Kingdom manner is patience. Read **Proverbs 16:32** and talk about how it relates to dealing with offense.
6. Nehemiah 5:8-10 shows us that Nehemiah puts himself as equal and not above the offense. Read **Philippians 2:3** and talk about humility in dealing with offense. Is it easy to seek out your own justice instead of unity? Is getting justice for yourself wrong? What's the balance?
7. We see in **Nehemiah 5:11-13** that Nehemiah had favor with the people and they took the responsibility of correcting what was done wrong. He had this favor because of how he lived his life (**Nehemiah 5:14-18**). Discuss Point #3 about how we "Gain Favor as a Living Testimony". What does this mean to you?
8. How does **Genesis 1:11-12** relate to favor and testimony?

CLOSING: **Nehemiah 5:19** shows us that Nehemiah did all of this for God's approval not man's. Let us remember that we are to live a life pleasing to God and that will flow in to every other part of our lives!

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.