

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – Nehemiah

Read Nehemiah

- Why was Nehemiah sad in front of the King?
- Why was that dangerous?
- What did Nehemiah ask the King to do?
- What did the King give Nehemiah?
- How many days did Nehemiah spend in Jerusalem before telling the people about his mission?
- If you have ever moved to a different house, have you wanted to go visit the old house and see what it looks like?
 - How did you feel when you saw your old back yard?
 - Just think how Nehemiah must have felt seeing his home town run down.
 - Discuss what you think he was feeling.
- When he gathered the people together, what did he tell them?
- Were the people willing to work?
- What was unusual about some of the workers? [women]
- What were they going to do? [rebuild the walls of the city]
- Which city's walls were destroyed?
- Why were they destroyed?
- How difficult is it to build a wall?
- Why did they have to build with one hand and have a weapon in the other hand?
 - How difficult would that be to hold a weapon and build the wall?
- Who were Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem?
 - Why didn't they want the city rebuilt?
 - What kinds of things did they do to get Nehemiah to stop the rebuilding? [they laughed and tried to say the wall wasn't strong enough for a fox to walk on; they wrote letters accusing Nehemiah of making himself a king to take over the city; and they plotted to kill him.]
- How do you react when people laugh at what you're doing or make fun of you?
 - Do you get angry?

- Do you act the way Nehemiah did?
- Has anyone ever falsely accused you of anything?
 - How did you feel?
- Have you ever had to deal with a bully?
 - What did you do?
- How long did it take Nehemiah to rebuild the walls and put the gates in place? [52 days]
- What did Nehemiah do after rebuilding the walls? [Nehemiah 5:14 - Governor for 12 years before returning to the palace.]
- Is there anything that needs rebuilding? A friendship? A relationship?
- How do we mend a broken friendship?
- What is the difference between rebuilding a city and rebuilding a relationship?
- What did the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem symbolize?
- Why was Nehemiah successful?
- Write a prayer that Nehemiah might have prayed.