

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Sunday, September 27, 2020
Nehemiah 2

1. What happened in Wednesday's Bible Study in Nehemiah 1?
 - a. Nehemiah asked some people about the state of the Jews and Jerusalem.
 - b. Nehemiah wept at the news, prayed a prayer of repentance and asked for mercy.
 - c. Nehemiah prayed for favor before the king.

2. Why was it such a big deal that Nehemiah has the favor of the King?
 - a. Although there is some disagreement, it is possible that this is the same king (if not, it was very likely the same family) in which Esther was afraid to approach the King with her problem (see Esther 4:10-11).
 - b. There was the possibility of death if the King did not look on him with favor.
 - c. The people of God should always care about the favor of God and pray for God's favor in the things that we do (or perhaps better, do what God favors).

3. Is this trip to Jerusalem Nehemiah's idea or did this come from God?
 - a. There is no evidence that Nehemiah had any reason to do anything other than what he was already doing.
 - b. When you are in an influential place in the king's court, there is no reason to go our on your own in a dangerous place and face opposition unless God really told you to do it.
 - c. When God puts a burden on your heart, it may not have been your idea, but you can't be happy until you see it fulfilled.
 - d. God put the desire in Nehemiah's heart, he put the call on Nehemiah's life, then he provided the way and the drive for it to be accomplished. In the process, it became Nehemiah's will as well.

4. What, according to 2:11-16, did Nehemiah do when he arrived in Jerusalem? _____

5. Nehemiah goes out to assess the state of the city and the walls at night and he repeatedly says that he has not yet told anybody what he has in mind to do. Who does he say is going to do the work? _____

6. If the people who are going to do the work are already there, why are they not already building the wall?
 - a. They were discouraged.
 - b. They didn't think it was possible.
 - c. They had not heard the call of God.
 - d. They did not have a vision from God.
 - e. In the Bible, God often sent a leader with a vision from Him who lead the people to do what they would not have done on their own.

7. Does God still do this sort of thing in the church today? _____
Does everybody appreciate the leader when they are sent? Yes _____ No _____ Explain.

How do we respond to the leaders that God has sent? _____