



Life Group  
Sermon Guide Questions  
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# Renewed by Prayer

Nehemiah 1:1-11

## Questions for Further Discussion: Read Nehemiah 1:1-11

- 1) Look at verse 3. What specific words are used to describe the state of the Jewish remnant and the walls of Jerusalem?
- 2) Read verses 5-11. Identify the four distinct parts of Nehemiah's prayer (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication). Of what specific promises does he remind God?
- 3) The sermon highlighted the Hebrew word *shamar* (keeps/guards like a watchman). How does contrasting the ruined physical walls of Jerusalem with the indestructible fortress of God's covenantal love change how we approach prayer during a crisis?
- 4) Look at verse 6. Why is it significant that Nehemiah, who was living faithfully over 1,000 kilometers away in Susa (modern-day Iran), used the pronoun "We" when confessing sin ("which we have sinned against you")? How does this counter our modern, individualized view of sin and responsibility?

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5) Think about an area of “ruin” in your life, your family, or your community right now. What would it look like for you to stop trying to immediately “fix it” and instead sit with it in priestly prayer and shameless honesty before the Lord?

6) In what specific relationship or situation are you currently sitting in the “seat of the critic”? How can you step out of that seat and begin praying for that situation using the “Lord, forgive us” posture of confession?

7) Nehemiah waited months after this prayer before God opened a door for action. Where are you currently waiting on God, and how can the promise of the “farthest horizon” sustain you in that wait?

