

NEHEMIAH:

A Faith That Follows God's Lead... to the finish!

SERIES: "DEVELOPING A FAITH THAT WORKS"
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Key Verse:

You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book! -Psalms 139:16 (TLB)

But my life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about God's wonderful kindness and love. -Acts 20:24 (NLT)

Four Things I Must Learn From Nehemiah's L.E.A.D.

1. I must learn to: _____ on God's grace and strength.

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. -Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

Yes But How? (Heb. 4:16)

- A. _____ to God. _____
- B. _____ in God. _____
- C. _____ from God. _____

2. I must learn to: _____ ACTS of Christ into my daily life.

Carry out my instructions; don't forsake them. Guard them, for they will lead you to a fulfilled life. -Proverbs 4:13 (NLT)

We should keep on encouraging each other to be thoughtful and to do helpful things. -Hebrews 10:24 (CEV)

Jesus replied, "You give them something to eat..." -Luke 9:13a (GW)

"There is a boy here who has five small loaves of barley bread and two fish. But what good is that with all these people?" -John 6:9 (CEV)

Without _____: We _____

Without _____: God _____

3. I must learn to: _____ others for help when the problem is bigger than me.

...work together with one heart and purpose. -Philippians 2:2 (NLT)

We work together as partners who belong to God. -1 Corinthians 3:9a (NLT)

4. I must learn to: _____ my commitment to serving Christ.

"Sir, which is the most important command in the laws of Moses?," Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment." -Matthew 22:36-39 (TLB)

Three Commitment Indicators

1. I demonstrate my commitment to Christ with my _____.
2. I demonstrate my commitment to Christ with my _____.
3. I demonstrate my commitment to Christ with my _____.

[see also James 1:22 (MSG); Acts 17:25b (NLT)]

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a time in your life when you felt the weight of the world pressing down on you.
2. Share how you got through, or are getting through, that stressful period in your life.
3. Discuss the principals Nehemiah's life teaches us.
4. How can those in your small group apply the principals of Nehemiah?
5. Take time to pray for the needs of your group.

ANSWER KEY:

Learn; Look; Pray; Believe; Ask; Receive; Believe; Engage; God; Cannot; Us; Will not; Ask; Demonstrate; Heart; Head; Hand

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