



NEHEMIAH

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JUSTICE

Each session will begin with an opportunity to help you connect with and get to know one another.

If you could have one superpower, which one would you choose? What would you choose to do with it?

Play the "Session Five: Justice" video lesson.

What stood out to you from the video?

"WORKING FOR JUSTICE TAKES A TOUGH MIND AND A TENDER HEART. A RIGHTEOUS ANGER HINGED TO CONSISTENT CHARACTER. AND A HUMBLE WILLINGNESS TO SEE YOURSELF FIRST IN THE BROKEN NATURE OF HUMANITY."

— DUSTY FRIZZELL

In the following section, you will explore Bible passages and take part in discussion to apply insights from this session. If time is a concern, please choose just a few questions to discuss in your group.

Read Nehemiah 5:1-13 & Ephesians 4:25-28

1. What is an issue of injustice in the world that breaks your heart or makes you angry? Why do you feel that passion?

2. When Nehemiah sees the injustices done in this story, he becomes angry. Why should Christians feel angry when they encounter injustice in this world? How can we harness our anger and frustration to move us to action without being controlled by it?

3. How does Nehemiah go about bringing justice to Israel? How does Nehemiah use his influence to help those in need? How can we as Christians use our influence in this world like Nehemiah did?

Read Nehemiah 5:14-19

4. How did Nehemiah live differently than the other Jewish governors and officials? How did his way of life bring about justice and equality in Israel? How can the way we live actually affect others around us?

5. In the video lesson, Pastor Dusty teaches that “righteous anger must be tied to consistent character.” Why is this true? Why should we seek to live a righteous and compassionate life before asking others to do the same?

6. How is God personally calling you to bring justice to this world? How is He asking you to serve those in need? How is He challenging you to share His love with those who need to encounter it? How will you take the first step this week toward making it a reality?

DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

Read Isaiah 58:1-12 & Matthew 6:16-18

7. According to these verses, what was the purpose of fasting? How can people take a spiritual practice that God intended for justice and turn it into something selfish? What are some other examples of this?

8. According to the prophet Isaiah, God's people will prosper as a whole when we serve the poor among us. Why is this true? Why does the world teach that we prosper only when we acquire wealth rather than give it away?

PRAYER AND PRAISE

This is a place where you can write each other's prayer requests and make notes when God answers prayer. Pray for each other's requests out loud together as a group. If you're new to group prayer, you may pray silently.

Prayer Requests

Praise Reports