

LG | Guide

[Nehemiah 2:1-8]

WARM-UP (10 mins)

Prepare our minds to receive God's word.

- How was everyone's week? [Does everyone know each other? Any introductions needed?]
- Anything new in your lives'? Are there any burdens we need to pray for or victories we can celebrate together?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text. If you do not have a Bible, your leader can provide one.

1. Read our primary text. Nehemiah is in a prayerful state for months according the opening chapters. How would someone arrive at this conclusion?
2. Why do you think Nehemiah said "let the king live forever" to king Artaxerxes? Is he exchanging niceties or does he really desire the best for the king?
3. What is the dialogue between the King and Nehemiah? What is Nehemiah's natural instinct when faced with trials?
4. Using Nehemiah's situation as an example, how can we follow in Nehemiah's footsteps to pursue something God has placed in our hearts?
5. Is there a time in your life where you "stayed in Persia," rather than being obedient to God's pull on your life? What do you think Nehemiah would say to us in those difficult life moments?
6. What are the things you should be crying out to the Lord and making plans for the opportunity that you might address the situation? Are there any that God has revealed to you as we have studied Nehemiah?
7. As we conclude this text, what else have we learned about Nehemiah?

PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. What does tonight's conversation lead you to pray for? What burdens have been presented in conversation?