

Discussion Guide

Series: Heart Check Moved, wk4 Moved to Surrender

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Big Idea

When God moves, He uses us and our gifts.



Icebreaker

Spring is here & summer is on its way! What are you most looking forward to this summer?



Discussion Questions

1. How long did it take for Nehemiah & his team to complete the significant project of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem? Thinking back through the account...what various challenges were faced by Nehemiah & his team? Considering that, do you see the timeframe in which they completed the rebuilding of the walls as amazing or not (why or why not)?
2. Read Nehemiah 6:16 which comes after when the wall has been completed. What was the response of the enemies to the rebuilding of the wall & why was this their response? Do you have an example to share of something that you accomplished or completed that continued (or continues) to result in challenge from others? How do you personally navigate that? Fill in the following blank, which was a point in the sermon: *When God moves, enemies sh_____er.*
3. Read Nehemiah 7:1. Here is a paraphrase from the sermon: *“You don’t rebuild a city & then leave it to its own devices. It needs leadership & people.”* Ongoing leadership (or management) is necessary & important, even when a project is completed. What is the difference between leadership & management. Is one more important than the other or not (why or why not)? If you have you ever been impacted by, or a participant in, anything that “started well but didn’t finish well” share it & was the principle of ongoing leadership (or management) an issue contributing to that? What is the tragedy of these kind of situations?
4. Read Nehemiah 7:4-5 and take a glance at the list of family (male family leader) names in verses 8-25. Here we see that when God moves, he uses people. For us there have been generations before us in our own families & of our church family who have likely done impactful things of & for God. Can you think & share regarding any? What may be said of you in the future? How does Heart Check give you & your family an opportunity to embrace God’s calling?
5. Take a glance at Nehemiah 7:26-38 which lists locations, or towns, where people involved in the rebuilding of Jerusalem came from. The campuses of Revive Wesleyan matter as we carry on the good work of the Lord in our respective communities & with our respective congregants. Together these campuses allow Revive Wesleyan to matter as we collectively support our Heart Check ministry partners in carrying on the good work of the Lord in their respective communities. What are some ways that the campus you attend uniquely matters to the community that it is in/ministers to? What parts of that do you participate in? Do you hit on the trifacta: praying, going, & giving and if so, how?
6. Read Nehemiah 7:70-72. What do you notice about who gave & did they give the same amounts? What may be significant about your observations regarding this & how may it apply to you and your participation with Heart Check via giving?



Concluding Question

Recap together this sermon series overall considering the main points of weeks 1-4. Would you say that the Book of Nehemiah was a good fit for Heart Check as we each consider participating in it through our praying, going, &/or giving (why or why not)?



Prayer

Pray to surrender our rights of all being given (prayer, going, &/or giving) to Heart Check to the Lord.