



The Wall

Week 1 – Feel the Problem Study Guide

We can't listen to the radio, look at a news feed, talk to our neighbors, or listen to our friends without seeing brokenness and problems. From politics to broken families, hurting children, workaholic executives, over-scheduled lives, or severe anxiety and depression—what breaks your heart?

1. What overwhelming problems are you, or those you love, facing today? Do they affect nations, families, or are they personal problems?

2. When you are confronted with an overwhelming problem, what do you feel compelled to do about it?

“As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.”
- Nehemiah 1:4 (ESV)

3. **Read Nehemiah 1:1-4.** When Nehemiah heard the problem facing his people, what was his first reaction? Compare his reaction with the reactions discussed in question 1.

“O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.

Now I was cupbearer to the king.”

- Nehemiah 1:11 (ESV)

4. **Read Nehemiah 1:11, Ephesians 2:10 and John 15:16.** Remember where Nehemiah was positioned, as a cupbearer to the king. Where has God placed you to make a difference and fulfill your God-given purpose and vision?

5. On your own, write down a problem you need to pray through the way Nehemiah prayed it through. Use examples from the Bible like Nehemiah’s prayer (Nehemiah 1:4-11) to help you pray.