

Sunday 15th November 2020

Nehemiah's Compassion

Nehemiah 1 v 1-11

Life Group Questions

Nehemiah received bad news about the state of things in Jerusalem.

- How do we tend to react when we hear bad news? How can turning to God help us to deal with such situations?
- Why do you imagine Nehemiah was so moved by this news, given that he had never been to Jerusalem in his life and had an important role in Persia? What does this tell us about him?

In his prayer Nehemiah very much identifies himself with the people of God in repentance and hope.

- Do we ever pray on behalf of God's people rather than from only our individual perspective? How might that change our prayers?

Nehemiah means 'The Lord comforts' or 'The Lord has compassion'.

- What do you understand by the word 'compassion'? Is it just a feeling? How might compassion reveal itself in motivation and action? (Note that the meaning of the word comes from the idea of suffering together with another person, or persons – something of another person's suffering person touches our hearts and causes us to identify with them and to help them).
- Is there a verse, or passage in Scripture that gave you particular inspiration or guidance at a time in your life? Share it with the group.