

Series: PRAY FIRST

Title: Nehemiah: A Call to Action

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So far, Paul, Hannah, and Jacob have shown us the value of Praying First. This week Kip drew a number of lessons out of the story of Nehemiah.

1. Anyone recall how and why the YMCA get started?
2. In what sense then is prayer a call to action?
3. Read Nehemiah 1:1-11. What was the news that rocked Nehemiah's world?
4. Hearing the news what did he do? To point out the obvious what's the big idea of this whole series?
5. How do we develop that as our first response?
6. Explain how a seed of concern became a cause for Nehemiah to take action. What are the four stages?
7. When you're in anguish, do you think you can pray too much? Why or why not?
8. How does Nehemiah go about constructing his prayer for Jerusalem?
9. What's the ratio between the length of time Nehemiah prayed and the time it took to rebuild the city walls? What does that tell us?
10. What action does prayer call us to? See Psalm 27:14
11. What kind of success does he pray for?

As you close, ask God to break your heart for what breaks his.

And, if you have time, think about what all-group prayer activity you might take on like a prayer walk, or drive? A whole time just for prayer, or come to the Easter Prayer Vigil on Friday, March 30th?