

“From Pain to Passion”

Nehemiah 1:1-11

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What is your passion?

A Brief History of Israel

A. The Covenant

Exodus 24:7

Deuteronomy 28:15, 64

Deuteronomy 29:9-13

B. The Exile

Fall of Jerusalem (586 B.C.) by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

2 Kings 25:1-10

C. The Start of Restoration

Persia overthrows Babylon (539 B.C.) under King Cyrus.

King Cambyses (529-519 B.C.)

King Darius (519-486 B.C.)

King Xerxes (486-465 B.C.)

King Artaxerxes (465 - 424 B.C.)

Ezra 1:1-4

I. Nehemiah's pain. (vv. 1-4)

What is your pain?

Passion often times arise out of pain.

II. Nehemiah's prayer. (vv. 5-10)

III. Nehemiah's passion (v. 11)

“Believers with vision have 'a deep dissatisfaction with what is and a clear grasp of what could be.' (John Stott)

Cell Group Discussion Questions

Nehemiah: Laying a Foundation for a New Generation, part 1

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1. What in life deeply pains you? (These are things that may cause you to weep, lose appetite, or pray over)
2. Read Nehemiah chapter 1 together. Have one person summarize the story.
3. What do think caused such a strong reaction in Nehemiah?
4. Can you rationally explain Nehemiah's reaction and action? Would you be able to repent on behalf of your generation?
5. Pastor Steve said “passion often times arise out of pain.” What is your passion?
6. Get in your prayer pods and pray for healing and passion for one another.