



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

02-05-2021		When the news gets personal!	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> When has the news become personal for you, because of your connection to or interest in the pace or person(s)?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What in the news this week has grabbed your attention?		
 Read	Nehemiah 1:1-11	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.1-2: Nehemiah was cut off in Susa (today's Iran), 900+ miles from Jerusalem, left behind after other survivors of the Exile had returned. How might he have felt? Have <i>you</i> ever felt cut off or left behind? <input type="checkbox"/> v.3-4: When has tough news brought <i>you</i> to tears? What did Nehemiah do with his distress? What good does this do to the situation? Us? <input type="checkbox"/> v.5: Why is it often good to focus first on God's attributes, before our problem? How did Nehemiah's response differ to Hanani's? <input type="checkbox"/> v.6-7: Why did Nehemiah pray <i>me/ we/ us</i> , not just <i>those/ them</i> ? What did Nehemiah identify as the root cause of 'our' predicament? <input type="checkbox"/> v.8-9: Actions have consequences. When has a past action come back, even if years later, to either thwart or bless you? <input type="checkbox"/> v.10-11: Why was Nehemiah in a position of powerlessness/ vulnerability? And yet, spiritually, why was he also in a position of strength? Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-11. When do you need reminding of this?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Watch the Bible Project overview of Ezra-Nehemiah (8 mins 37 secs) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkETkRv9tG8		
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?		
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Find out about, and pray for, our 'and beyond' mission partners, Andrea and Mark Hotchkin and their medical mission work in the Republic of Chad. See bmsworldmission.org/people/andrea-and-mark-hotchkin/		
 Pray	<i>Dear God,</i> <i>Thank you for Your ____.</i> <i>Teach me to weep, as You weep for ____.</i> <i>Today, I pray for ____.</i> <i>In my weakness, help me to ____.</i> <i>Amen.</i>		



My questions:

*If you're not yet in a small group, why not join one! Check out: ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/SmallGroups
Can't see a group to suit your availability/interest? Start one! SmallGroups@ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk*

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