



BREAKING THE ICE

What is the best news you have heard this week?

What is the worst white-lie you ever told?

MAIN CONTENT

This week Pastor Kevin continues talking us through Nehemiah. Last week we learned from coach Nehemiah that we have to own our problems. When we own our problems the thing we have to decipher between a legitimate concern and a personal responsibility.

1. Describe a legitimate concern in your life.
2. What personal responsibility are you struggling with right now?

When we are presented with any situation in our life we can respond a few different ways; react, conform, do our own thing (autonomous) or be intentional with how we handle it.

Living an **intentional life starts with prayer**. It's important to decipher between the things we can help (personal responsibility) versus a legitimate concern we have very little control over.

3. How have you utilized prayer in your life when dealing with legitimate concerns and personal responsibility? Which one of these do you pray more about and why?

We can read in Nehemiah 1:10-11 where Nehemiah prayed for God to give him favor with the King. What is important to note about this prayer was it took time. It wasn't immediate.

Read Nehemiah 2:1-10

What we can see from this passage was that Nehemiah was faithful in prayer before he did anything. His faithfulness gave him favor with the king and when he received the favor he was able to give God the glory.

The second thing we learned from Nehemiah is an **intentional life has a vision**.

4. Do you have a vision for your life? If so, share it with your group.

As we continue to read through Nehemiah 2:11-20 we see where Nehemiah had a vision for what he wanted and it started with him praying for that vision.

An **intentional life takes inventory**. We also see where Nehemiah surveyed the land, took notes and continued to pray. He knew what needed to be done to start working on rebuilding.

5. When is the last time you took inventory in your life? What did your results look like?

An **intentional life builds a huddle**. It's important to be intentional about who speaks into your life. We need guides and encouragers, mentors and friends, people cheering you on and not pulling you down.

6. Who is currently in your huddle? What roles do they play?

Being **intentional inspires others**. When we pray, have a vision, take inventory, build a team and take action others will want to come along side you and help. It's inspiring. God is the rebuilder but we get to join Him in His work.

We have the opportunity to start with what is in front of us ask God to help us with our primary problem and start the building process.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, You are the master rebuilder. You rebuild our lives when we entrust them to you. Will you show us what problem is taking all of our energy. Will you help us be intentional about how we process it and work on it with you. Surround us with a team of people who can cheer us on and help us focus on how to be intentional in our lives. Help us be encouragers to others. In your name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

- + Take some time to pray and process with God what your personal responsibility is.
- + Ask God: what am I putting my best energy towards? What do you want? Write it down.
- + Ask for Him to put the right people around you to support you.
- + Listen and get to work doing what HE is calling you to do.

Come back next week and share where God is moving in your life.