

G:love 13 Pre Game Prayer!



LESSONS FROM BROKEN BELIZE

MEN WHO PRAY Painful times demand prayerful men... G-Love Men who understand that God is at work in them (Phil 2:13) and desire to work with Him by responding to His hand in their lives through prayer. Nehemiah was a man who saw the pain in his city and did something about it. He prayed... then acted in faith following the lead of God's hand in his life. He understood that where there is **NO PRAYER**, there will be **NO POWER** because prayer moves the heart of God to move the hearts of men! He saw that his city and the people in it were broken and only God in His grace could repair and restore it. Like Nehemiah, we need to pray as we prepare for the fall. Nehemiah was in Babylon (modern day Iraq) with a very comfortable lifestyle as the cupbearer to the most powerful man on the planet at the time. His brother came through town from Jerusalem and described the brokenness of his hometown city. Nehemiah gladly left his comfort to make himself an available glove through whom God could rebuild the broken city of Jerusalem. In what ways is our city broken along with its men?

Never try to face the day until you seek the face of God!

(Nehemiah 1:1-11; Isaiah 66:1-2; Psalm 51:17; Rom 8:34; Matt 9:36-38)
What kind of a heart did Nehemiah have toward God and others? How was Nehemiah like Jesus?

What is the real blessing of admitting before God and others that we are indeed broken men who live in a broken city surrounded by a broken world?

(Neh 1:4) "*Nehemiah wept and mourned for days*" (Chislev (November) in 1:1 to Nisan (April) in 2:1). What does this tell you about his prayer life? How does your prayer life compare? For what are you praying over the long haul? Are you willing to give up one meal/workout/TV program in this week to pray for the men of our city before we kick off the Forums? When? Where? With whom?

(Neh 1:5) What was the focus of Nehemiah as he began his prayer? What is the usual focus of your prayers?

(Neh 1:6-7; Exodus 20:1-17; Matt 5:17-28) Nehemiah confesses that they had been disobedient and unresponsive to the Lord's hand in their lives for decades. So he comes clean on behalf of the men. What would it look like for us to come clean before God in behalf of the men of Columbia as we head into the fall?

(Neh 1:8, 9) When Nehemiah prayed, he held God to His promises! List a few promises from scripture that you might bring before the Lord as you pray for your family and friends this fall.

TAG TEAM PRAYER **Matthew 9:36-38** *Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited (broken) like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech (beg in prayer) the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."* **Isaiah 59:16** *He saw that there was no man, and was astonished that there was no one to intercede in prayer.* **1 Samuel 12:23** *Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you... Pray for...*



- 👉 Your responsiveness to God's hand in your life.
- 👉 God's hand of protection and provision upon your marriage and family.
- 👉 The men of your city, especially the leaders (Jeremiah 29:7).
- 👉 God to raise up the next generation of young men to lead with integrity.
- 👉 Confess the sins of our city admitting your part of the responsibility.
- 👉 One of your friends to come to Christ in salvation this fall.
- 👉 Your church to serve the city rather than itself.