



Nehemiah 5  
The Fear of God in the face of injustice

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Nehemiah hears of oppression taking place within the people of God, which leads him to rebuke the people and lead them into repentance by his own personal example.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. **Understanding fear**

Why should God be feared? Why do you think the beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord (Prov. 9:10)? How can God be both the One we fear and the one we hope (Psalm 147:11)?

2. **The fear of God identifies the needy around us**

How does the fear of God help us to see the needy? Where do you see oppression? Where have you been oppressing others?

3. **The fear of God and the Word of God give us a voice for the voiceless**

How is the fear of God and the Word of God connected? Is it possible to fear God without the Word of God? Do you think the people of God should engage in advocacy for the voiceless?

What is one step forward you can make in entering into the injustice around you? How can the community group do this together or actively spur one another on in good deeds?

4. **The fear of God and the generosity of God makes us generous**

Celebrate the generosity of God. How has God been generous to you in Christ? How has God been generous to you in life? (what evidence of grace can you celebrate?).

What makes Christ so generous? How does his generosity empower us to be generous?

Consider reading Matt. 18:31-35, why is selfishness so anti-gospel?