



Managing Conflict

Nehemiah 5

1. Do you have an experience from your past where you stood up to a bully? What did you do and how did it work out?
2. Pastor Mark talked about the vulnerability of a vision in the middle stage of the work. Is there anything in your life that feels vulnerable to collapse right now (ex. stopping smoking, new attitude at work, paying off debt, etc.)?
3. In verses 6, we see that Nehemiah was angry when learned about the wrong things that were going on. Has there been a time when you were angry at something because it was wrong or harmful to you or others? What were the circumstances? Is it ok to go through life without any anger (holy discontent) about the brokenness in and around us? Why?
4. In verses 7-11 we see Nehemiah translate his anger into action to address the problem. Why is it important to translate our anger (holy discontent) into action? What lessons can we learn from Nehemiah's action steps? Tell about a time that you took action to address a brokenness in your life or around you OR share how you want to take action to address a brokenness you currently see.

5. Verses 12-13 illustrate the desired outcome for our actions against brokenness. People repented and turned to God. Why is it important to highlight this desired outcome? If we're not focused on this, what are other possible outcomes from our actions? How have you seen these things in action - holy discontent → taking action → people turn to God?

6. Which response most fits where you're at right now:

- I need God to give me a holy discontent (anger) about the brokenness in or around me.
- My vision is on the verge of collapse and I need God to move me forward.
- I need God's direction to translate my holy discontent into action.
- I need to focus my actions toward helping people repent and turn to God as I fight the brokenness

Pray together and ask God to meet you where you're at and help you take the best next steps.