

“Confronting and Confronted”
Nehemiah 5:1-13

Ice Breaker:

Are you the type of person who avoids conflict at all cost or runs right in and takes the bull by the horns? Somewhere in between?

Share a situation when socio-economic differences caused conflict? In church? Among believers?

Read: Nehemiah 5:1-13

1. What insight, principle or observation did you find to be most fresh, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. What is the “great outcry” all about? (verses 1-5)
3. What forms of injustice do you see occurring today?
4. What makes you angry?
5. Tell about a time when you saw a situation that definitely needed to be confronted but nothing was done. What happened as a result?
6. What are some things we tell ourselves to rationalize remaining silent and not confronting problems?
7. How can you decide when it’s right to remain silent, and when it’s right to confront?
8. What practical things have you learned from studying the way Nehemiah confronted the nobles? What is most helpful for you in confronting tough situations with those who are close to you?
9. Describe a time when you confronted someone (or were confronted) and the result turned out well. What were the positive and healing that came out of it?
10. What practical things have you learned from the nobles in the way they responded to being corrected? What is hardest for you to do?

Pray with each other:

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How do you deal with conflict? Rush in or run & hide? Conflict with those close to us is inevitable. How can we confront others well? How can we receive correction well? This morning we will learn some practical steps from Nehemiah and the nobles as they face a conflict head on.

1. Confronting

- a. See it. (verses 1-5)
- b. Get good and angry. (verse 6)
- c. Cool down. (verse 7)
- d. Tackle it head on. (verses 7-9)
- e. Present a workable path to restoration. (verse 11)
- f. Model your message. (verses 8,10)
- g. Challenge follow through. (verses 12, 13)

2. Confronted

- a. Listen. (verse 8)
- b. Remember who you are. (verses 5,7-9)
- c. Remember who God is. (verse 9)
- d. Compare your behavior against God's character. (verse 9)
- e. Commit to change. (verse 12)
- f. Trust God's blessing to provide. (verse 13)

Next Step

Write down the one thing you need to remember when confronting others:

Write down the one thing you need to remember when being confronted:
