

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

RESTORED

LESSONS IN NEHEMIAH

Lesson 1 – Acknowledge the Need

Nehemiah 1:1-3

Welcome to the book of Nehemiah! As you will quickly find, this is a book about restoration – the process of returning someone or something to a former condition. Through our study, we will see that Nehemiah met the need for restoration face to face when told of the deteriorating condition of the wall of Jerusalem and the distress of the people. He could not and would not ignore the problem. In contrast, we often want to overlook those things in our lives that are broken and hope they will disappear. Nehemiah sets a powerful example for us to follow. He recognized the need, prayed for the need, and then set to work to restore that which was destroyed. Likewise, if we want to restore a broken relationship, a crumbled home, or even a crushed faith in the God who made us, we must recognize that restoration is essential and accept our need for it. Restoration begins with surrendering ourselves into God's loving hands. At that point, He begins the process that will rebuild those things which have been torn down.

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

This Week's Scripture: Nehemiah 1:1-3

¹The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. It came to pass in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the citadel, ²that Hanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. ³And they said to me, "The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province are there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire."

This Week's Memory Verse:

**Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved,
for You *are* my praise.
Jeremiah 17:14(NKJV)**

1. The most important restoration we need is to be restored to our Lord and Savior Jesus. What does Romans 1:21-22 tell us about our lives apart from God? _____

a. In contrast, how does Romans 8:1-2 describe our new life in Christ Jesus? _____

2. Once we have been restored to Christ and have a new life in Him, what are we promised to receive according to the following verses?

a. 1 John 4:12-16: _____

b. Romans 15:13: _____

c. John 14:27: _____

d. Love, joy and peace are just a few of the wonderful promises that are given to us through the restoration of our lives to Christ. Which of the above verses encourage you to seek restoration to our Lord and why? _____

Reflect and Respond – Is there an area in your life that needs restoration? If so, are you willing to do what Nehemiah did and seek to restore what has been broken down? Is there something preventing you from seeking restoration? _____

Result – Consider today’s Bible study lecture and group time. What one lesson will you take away from this study and apply to your walk with the Lord? _____
