

Review:

Lesson 1: God's Callings

Lesson 2: Pray First

Lesson 3: First Steps

Lesson 4: A Strategic Plan

Lesson 5: Facing Opposition

Confronting Injustice

Nehemiah 5:6-13

It is just a part of the brokenness of humanity; we see the hardship of others as an opportunity to _____ or influence for ourselves, our institutions, or our movements. Not only should Christ followers forsake those opportunities, but we should speak out against it when we see it happening.

Discussion 1. Do you think it is important for Christ followers to speak out against clear injustice? If so, why? If not, why not?

In God's kingdom, justice goes well beyond standing apart from those who are oppressive; it also includes being proactive about _____ the oppressed back into a state of completeness.

Discussion 2. Do you believe there is a place for advocacy or even activism in the kingdom of God? What is the difference between the work of advocacy/activism and the work of reparation/reconciliation? Why does that distinction matter?

When we pursue God's activity in God's specific timing and in God's particular ways, we can expect God's hand to be clear, His direction to be obvious, and His results to be _____.

Discussion 3. Do you think it is possible to pursue God's callings but in the world's best ways rather than in God's ways? If that is possible, what would you expect the results to be? Why?

God's sense of justice seems to include a healthy dose of consequences for the wrong choices we make, especially when we make those choices in our pursuit of a calling from Him. _____ can be very motivational.

Discussion 4. What role have consequences played in motivating you? If God permits hard consequences to follow from our sinful choices, what does that mean about forgiveness of sin? Does it mean He hasn't forgiven us?