

Message Summary: What do we do when we hear bad news? How do we react and what steps do we take when we respond? As we take a look at Nehemiah, we learn key characteristics that we would want when facing a challenge. Characteristics that will change how we process bad news and how we can problem solve more effectively.

How Will You Respond? Nehemiah 1

- 1. Nehemiah Asked and Listened - Nehemiah 1:1-4**
- 2. Nehemiah Prayed with Humility - Nehemiah 1:5-7**
- 3. Nehemiah Readied Himself To Do Something - Nehemiah 1:11**

LifeGroup Questions: All LifeGroups are on Summer Break

BEGIN IT (5min) – Time spent in praise and opening prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) – How good are you at responding to bad news? Explain.

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Read Nehemiah 1:1-11 and review Sunday's sermon outline together with your group. Stop at each point allowing people to share their additional comments or notes taken while listening to the sermon. Now answer these questions:

1. How does Nehemiah's response to bad news differ from you?
2. What new insights does this message give you about the way you problem solve?
3. How will you be approaching God with your problem?
4. Are there times where you'd wish somebody else solve the problem instead of you?

APPLY IT (15min) – How has this message added to your ability to respond to negative news? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?