

Small Group Study Guide

Remember What Got You There

Series: Nehemiah Rebuilding a Life of Faith

Nehemiah 7:1-69

From Sunday, October 25, 2020

Appetizer:

Activity: Talk about your family genealogy. Where is your family from? How many generations ago did your family move to Canada? How did your parents or grandparents meet?

Question: Caleb talked about the decision his grandparents all made to move to Canada, and how without those decisions, he wouldn't be here. Is there a pivotal decision your ancestors made that led to you? What was it?

Read: Out loud, read Nehemiah 7:4-6. Reflect on the state Jerusalem is in at the time of this passage.

Main Course:

The bottom line of this week's sermon was this: It is important to remember who is in our spiritual genealogy, and even more important to not let our spiritual line die out.

It's possible that you've never thought about your spiritual genealogy - the people who came before you and led you in your faith - but you have one.

Questions: Who are the key players in your spiritual genealogy? What role did they play?

Activity: Go back as far as you can in your spiritual genealogy. Who pushed you towards Jesus? Who pushed them? Who pushed THEM?

Question: The actions of Ben, Teresa, and Zach had an impact not only on Gavin, but also on Caleb, and hopefully on the students in Caleb's youth group as well.

What do you think this says about the work we do for the Lord?

Reflect: If you ever feel that your work for the Lord is insignificant, remember spiritual genealogies. When you have an impact on one person, you can have an impact on multiple generations of people. God can use you for such great things! **What is he asking you to do?**

Dessert:

Caleb gave us the challenge to not let our spiritual lines die out.

Question: Why, if anyone, are you pouring into that could one day say you are part of their spiritual genealogy?

Activity: Write down the names of two or three people who you are currently or want to be mentoring and pushing towards Jesus. Share the list with the group. **What do you want for their life?**

Prayer: Pray for the names on your list. Ask God to use you to help them meet with Him.

Challenge: Invite each person on that list for lunch or coffee in the next week or two.