

TITLE: "How All The 'Unqualified' Get Started"

Opening Question: Has there been a time recently when you didn't feel qualified to do something? Briefly describe it to the group.

Nehemiah 1:1-4— The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah: In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

HOW THE UNQUALIFIED START TO CHANGE THE WORLD:

The Unqualified, CRY.

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What Breaks Your Heart?

QUESTION: How has having this burden been impacting you? In the past, did you ever have an occasion like Nehemiah that you could share with your group?

The Unqualified, PRAY.

Nehemiah 1:4— ...For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

QUESTION: Why do you think most people don't have a burden like Nehemiah, or if they do, never do anything about it?

The Unqualified, STAND UP TO ACT.

QUESTION: What's your next step towards taking action on your burden? Take time to pray about your burden this week and allow God to direct your next steps. What burden for others is on your heart that your group can join you in praying over?

Nehemiah 2:3-5— ...I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my fathers are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it."

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

QUESTION: In Nehemiah 2:3-5, what is an important step that Nehemiah takes before answering the king? Why is this significant?

QUESTION: Often, we feel unqualified to act because we focus on our own limitations rather than God's calling. What is one thing you are going to commit to doing this week that you would normally feel 'unqualified' to handle, and how can we support you in that?

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