



## **Nehemiah 1:1-11 A burden for the church**

You might want to recap the summary Andrew gave of the historical context of the book of Nehemiah briefly as you begin

### **1) A burden for the church (v1-4)**

- What news does Nehemiah receive in v3? How does he react to it and why do you think he reacts so strongly?
- How does Nehemiah's burden for the people of God then challenge us in our burden for the church today?

### **2) Humble prayer for the church (v5-8)**

- Nehemiah turns to prayer. How does he approach God in prayer here?
- Why do you think Nehemiah confesses their (and his) sin here and what lessons do we learn from it?

### **3) Hope-filled prayer for the church (v8-11)**

- Why do you think Nehemiah recalls God's promises in v8-9 as he prays and what we can learn from that in our prayers?
- Where do you see hope in Nehemiah's prayer in these verses? How do they point us towards the hope we have in Jesus?
- What strikes you most about Nehemiah's prayer and how does it challenge or encourage you in your own prayers?