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Bible Study

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Key Elements of Solving Problems in the Community
Nehemiah 2:16-20

II Kings 2:19 reads, *“One day the leaders of the town of Jericho visited Elisha. “We have a problem, my lord,” they told him. “This town is located in pleasant surroundings, as you can see. But the water is bad, and the land is unproductive”.* (NLT) This verse reveals information that was shared with an Old Testament leader regarding what was negative about a particular city. Throughout the world there are many towns that face a plethora of adverse conditions. Some of the issues that communities encounter can be fixed by residents teaming up together to better where they live. This lesson is designed to examine an episode in the life of Nehemiah to point out vital elements to solve problems in the community.

Breakdown of Nehemiah Chapter Two

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| 1. The _____ of Nehemiah | Verses 1-9, 17, 18 |
| 2. The _____ of Nehemiah | Verses 11-16 |
| 3. The _____ of Nehemiah | Verses 10, 19, 20 |

1. Problems in the community can be solved through _____.
Verses 7, 8

“I also said to the king, “If it please the king, let me have letters addressed to the governors of the province west of the Euphrates River, instructing them to let me travel safely through their territories on my way to Judah. 8) And please give me a letter addressed to Asaph, the manager of the king’s forest, instructing him to give me timber. I will need it to make beams for the gates of the Temple fortress, for the city walls, and for a house for myself.” And the king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me.” (NLT)

2. Problems in the community can be solved through _____.
Verse 13

“After dark I went out through the Valley Gate, past the Jackal’s Well, and over to the Dung Gate to inspect the broken walls and burned gates.” (NLT)

3. Problems in the community can be solved through _____.
Verses 17, 18a

“But now I said to them, “You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace! 18) Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied at once. “Yes, let’s build the wall...” (NLT)

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