

Answering the Call

Part 5: Being a Team Player (Nehemiah 4:21-23; 5:1-19)

Launch

Do you think it's right to hold leaders to a higher standard of character? Why do popular leaders often seem to have less character? Is this an illusion or is it really true?

Explore

Read Neh 5:1-13

What was the situation that Nehemiah confronted? How did the corrupt leaders respond to this confrontation?

Read Neh 5:14-19

Why did Nehemiah refuse to take the food allotted to him? What other sacrifices did he make for the sake of his team?

What was his motivation for maintaining his reputation as a person of integrity?

Apply

How do you define "character"?

What things provide a reliable gauge of a leader's heart?

Who is a leader that you've encountered who is a great team player? How does their team respond to their leadership?

Leadership magnifies our inconsistencies. What areas of your life wouldn't look so good when magnified?

Pray

Pray that we would grow in our character, especially in integrity, humility, and grace.