

The High Cost of Caring

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Nehemiah 1.
- B. It is not easy today to have the kind of heart that cares.
- C. If we really care we can enter into the joy and achievement of God.
- D. There are four evidences that Nehemiah cared.

II. He cared enough to inquire. Many people today do not want to face the facts.

III. He cared enough to identify.

- A. Nehemiah identified with the suffering of the people. Brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering in the world.
- B. Nehemiah cared enough to identify with the people's sins.

IV. He cared enough to intercede.

- A. The purpose of intercession is to get God's will done on earth.
- B. We ought to be praying about the burdens and needs of God's people.

V. He cared enough to intervene and get involved.

- A. Nehemiah did not make excuses, he got involved.
- B. We are the somebody that should get involved.
- C. God blesses and uses people who care.
- D. It costs to care, but it costs more not to care.

Application questions:

1. What are some needs in the world that are being neglected by the church?

2. What excuses do Christians make for not getting involved? Explain.

3. How will you get more involved in the needs of your community? Explain.
