**Nehemiah 2**

*Our Sovereign God*

1.  From the narrative, what clues does the narrator give that God has the highest authority?  Do you truly believe that God can work through rulers and people as the sovereign (highest authority) of the universe?  Why or why not?  How can you express more trust in God's sovereignty?

2.  What clues does the narrator give that God works through human activity?  Is there something you think God wants you to do or say as His human agent in order to restore hope to a situation?

3.  How do you reconcile God's sovereignty with human responsibility?

4.  What is the progression of opposition in verses 10 and 19?  What kind of opposition are you currently facing as you endeavor to restore hope to a situation?