

RISE & REBUILD
Week 2 Group Discussion Guide
One Wall, One People: Nehemiah 3–6

Big Idea: God uses His mission to reveal His people, and then transforms His people through what He reveals.

Read Together

Nehemiah 3-6 (or selected portions)

Digging Into the Text

1. Mission creates dependence.

Chapter 3 is full of names, families, occupations, and assignments.

- Why do you think God included so many details?
- What stood out to you about the diversity of people God used?
- How does this chapter compare to Paul's description of the Church in 1 Corinthians 12?

Key Statement

God doesn't ask everyone to carry the whole burden. He asks everyone to faithfully carry their part.

2. Pressure reveals where we place our trust.

Read Nehemiah 4:10–14.

The people see rubble. Nehemiah tells them to remember the Lord.

- Why do you think fear became the greatest obstacle instead of the enemy outside the wall?
- How does remembering God's character reshape the way we face difficult circumstances?

Read James 1:2–4 and 1 Peter 1:6–7.

- How have trials revealed areas where your trust in God still needed to grow?

3. Sacrifice reveals what we trust most.

Read Nehemiah 5:1–13.

The greatest threat to the mission suddenly comes from inside God's own people.

- Why do you think this internal conflict was so dangerous?
- Nehemiah reminds the people that they have been redeemed and shown mercy.
- How should remembering God's mercy change the way we treat one another?

Jesus says: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- Why is love such a powerful witness to the world?

4. Opposition reveals whose approval we trust.

Read Nehemiah 6:1–9.

Sanballat repeatedly tries to distract Nehemiah from God's mission.

- What different tactics does he use?
- Why do you think Nehemiah refuses to "come down"?

Read Galatians 1:10.

- How can the desire for approval or fear of criticism distract us from what God has called us to do?

Living It Out

Throughout these chapters, the mission continually revealed where God's people's trust really rested.

Take a few minutes to reflect honestly.

Which of these areas do you relate to most right now?

- Fear or discouragement
- Control or self-protection
- Greed or misplaced priorities
- Wanting other people's approval
- Trusting God even when the outcome is uncertain

What do you think God might be inviting you to trust Him with this week?

Read Together

John 3:20–21

1 John 1:5–9

The light doesn't expose us so God can reject us. The light exposes us because God intends to heal us.

- What is the difference between condemnation and conviction?
- Why do people naturally want to hide when their hearts are exposed?
- How does the Gospel give us confidence to step into the light instead?

Prayer Together

Spend time praying through the movements of this week's message.

Thank God

- Thank Him for inviting ordinary people to participate in His mission.
- Thank Him for faithfully carrying the work even when we are weak.

Ask God to Reveal

- Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal places where trust has drifted.
- Fear.
- Self-protection.
- Approval seeking.
- Control.
- Anything else He wants to bring into His light.

Ask God to Transform

- Pray that God would deepen your trust.
- Pray for courage where there is fear.
- Generosity where there is self-protection.
- Humility where there is pride.
- Confidence in Christ where there is people-pleasing.

Pray for Skyline

- Pray that our church would become known not merely for what we accomplish, but for our trust in God and our love for one another.
- Pray that, like Nehemiah's generation, the testimony of our church would ultimately be: **"This task had been accomplished by our God."**

Weekly Challenge

Each day this week, ask one simple question:

What is today revealing about where my trust rests?

When you notice fear, Remember the Lord.

When you feel the need to protect yourself, Remember the Lord.

When you seek the approval of others, Remember the Lord.

Invite God to use every circumstance not to discourage you, but to deepen your trust in Him.