

Nehemiah Part 7: A Disciplined Life Group Guide

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HANG OUT

Time: Begin the section below 10 - 15 minutes before the group starts.

- **Engage**

Start off light and ask simple questions like, how was your day? What did you have for dinner? Keep the heavier conversation for the larger group setting.

- **Prayer of Dedication**

Invite one person to dedicate your time to the Lord.
“Heavenly Father, We come to you today asking for your

guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Amen.”

- **Connect**

Questions of the day:
“What’s your favorite thing about spring?”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let’s get current! Here you’ll find all the important things your community should know about! It could be logistical, upcoming events, or just general church-wide things happening in the life of Fellowship. We commit to keeping you in the know.

- **Fellowship Clothing Drive**

We’re hosting a clothing drive as an opportunity to participate in one of the pillars of lent-alms-giving. Almsgiving is an old church word that means paying attention to and serving those that Jesus paid attention to and served: the poor, the marginalized, and the forgotten. Have a conversation with your group about how you’d like to participate. For more information visit <https://madeforfellowship.com/lent>

- **New Lifegroups**

We have two new LifeGroups options! We’re starting a new LifeGroup for Co-Ed Singles, and one for Mom’s of Teenagers. If you know anyone who would be interested

in either of these we encourage you tell them about these new groups. For more information check out <https://my.madeforfellowship.com/lifegroupsearch>

- **Men’s: God, Wings, and Guinness**

On March 31st, will be our next Men’s gathering. Our GWG gatherings are a non-judgemental space where men get together to speak honestly and ask the big questions we have about God while enjoying some good food and a nice cold Guinness. For more information go to <https://madeforfellowship.com/events/event/god-wings-and-guinness/>

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GO DEEPER

CHECK-IN

Beyond the songs and sermons of our services, we invite followers of Jesus into a weekly rhythm of personally spending time with Him and enjoying His love. This section is designed to give you a communal space to check-in with each other about the fruit of your personal practice. Feel free to use the weekly Go Deeper Guide on the website if you need support, but if you have your own rhythm, these questions will still apply.

- What did you enjoy the most about your personal devotion time this past week? What challenged you the most?
- Was there a moment when you felt God's love or delight this past week? Share the experience if you're willing.
- What did you learn about yourself or your relationship with God this past week?
- How can this community support or encourage you in your faithfulness in following Jesus over the next week?

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READ THE PASSAGE

Let's study together! Take time throughout this series to read larger portions of scripture during your meeting. Make sure everyone has a physical or online bible, so you can take turns reading multiple verses. Once you complete this, then move to the video. Read Nehemiah chapter 10-11.

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ENGAGE VIDEO

& DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Watch the LifeGroup video, then use these questions to help guide your group conversation. Feel free to use one or all of them. Trust the flow of the conversation based on what the Holy Spirit is doing in your unique group.

- **Reflective Question from Video**

Reflect on what it means for you to live a disciplined life. What is the area of your life that is the most camouflaged—that blends in with the world the most

- **Observation**

As you read through these chapters, what did you notice about the people who went to the various cities. Why was it important to name these people and places?

- **Interpretation**

In Nehemiah 10:28-39 the people are making commitments to God. Share about these commitments, which resonated the most and which was the oddest? Why?

- **Reflection**

God desired for His people to look intentionally different from the nations surrounding them. Share about a time when you recognized that someone was living different from the world because of their pursuit of God. How did that impact you and your pursuit of God?

- **Application**

In chapter 11, we read of the leaders and families that are sent to various cities surrounding Jerusalem to be the light through their disciplined lives. Are there physical spaces in your life where you should be showing Christ's light through your disciplined life? What's keeping you from pursuing God in those spaces?

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PRAY

Wrap up your group session in prayer. Throughout your group journey, a regular rhythm of prayer is so important! It can also look very different from week to week, so we encourage you to discuss how it could be expressed in your meeting. Make sure you balance opportunities to pray for individual requests as well as the Kingdom of God at large. Consider having someone be responsible for keeping track of a group prayer journal. We'll also make some recommendations from time to time.

This week take time to pray that group members would look and live due to their pursuit of God.