

Nehemiah Part 6: After Revival Comes Change 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:

“Do you enjoy daylight savings time, why or why not?”

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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>

- **Door of Hope**

The month of March is National Women's month. As part of that, we are highlighting one of our ministry partners, Door of Hope, which is a Christian non-profit, based in

Pasadena, serving Los Angeles County, empowering families experiencing homelessness. To learn more about how they are supporting women and families and how you can get involved check out <https://madeforfellowship.com/outreach-local/>

- **Sign-up to Serve**

Our call to give our lives away on mission is grounded in the way of Jesus. We tell people about Jesus, we serve people like Jesus, and we love all people like Jesus does. We invite you to explore the many ways to serve with your time and talent by signing up to volunteer!

Learn about ways you can serve our church, our city, and our world <https://madeforfellowship.com/serve/>

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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 9-10.

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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**

How could recounting the mighty works of God in the generations that have come before you help you in seeking God right now? If you've done this, share with the group some of the connections you've made between your life and those within your family tree.

- **Observation**

What are some things that stood out to you as you read these chapters this week? Specifically in Nehemiah 9:26-31, how are the consequences of sin used to bring the Jewish people out of sin?

- **Interpretation**

In Nehemiah 9:1 it says that the Jewish people assembled with fasting, in sackcloth, and with dust on their heads. Take a moment to discuss this strange practice and in your own words what do you think the significance was.

- **Reflection**

We see in Nehemiah 9:1-4 that worship and confession coincidental with each other. Share about a time when you experienced these two going hand in hand. If you're aware of mistakes that have been made within your family's past, share about how you think they encourage the current or future decisions you need to make?

- **Application**

We see in this chapter that throughout the history of the Jewish people God was consistently ready to pardon sins, gracious, and abundant in His kindness. How is this currently affecting your relationship with God?

As you read these chapters and process with your group, are there commitments that you feel like you need to make to God in this season?

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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 for your commitments that you are making to God in this season.