

The book of Nehemiah tells of the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem under the leadership of Nehemiah. Here are 3 takeaway truths from Nehemiah . . . and the rest of our Route 66 study . . .

1. God wants to _____ through His people.

2. Godly _____ are a _____ to His people.

3. God is so _____ to His people & _____ to His promises.

NEHEMIAH

**GOD'S CONTINUING FAITHFULNESS
TO HIS PEOPLE IN THE
RAISING UP OF NEHEMIAH AND
THE REBUILDING OF THE WALL**

REBUILDING OF THE WALL	COVENANT RENEWAL	DRIFT & CORRECTION
<p>CH 1-7</p> <p>Ch 1 Nehemiah's vision Ch 2 The vision confirmed Ch 3 Wall builders Ch 4 Opposition to the vision Ch 5 Injustice abolished Ch 6 More opposition, Wall completed Ch 7 Census of returning exiles</p>	<p>CH 8-12</p> <p>Ch 8 Bring out the Book! Ch 9 Prayer of Confession Ch 10 Covenant Renewal Ch 11 Leaders of the People Ch 12 Dedication of the Wall</p>	<p>CH 13</p> <p>13:4-9 Temple cleansed 13:10-24 Tithes restored 13:15-22 Sabbath reinstated 13:23-29 Intermarriage forbidden 13:30-31 Nehemiah's other reforms</p>

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CONNECTING & CARING Together (20 minutes or so)

In this last week of Spring Growth Groups, take some time to:

1. Reflect on the highlights of your group this quarter/year.
2. Share summer plans.

STUDYING God's Word Together (20 minutes or so)

1. This message reflected on truths that pop from Nehemiah, but are also reflected across the story of the Old Testament. Which of these 3 truths meant the most to you?
2. Read together the longest prayer in all the Bible in Nehemiah 9. What strikes you in this prayer? What do you notice? Why is the history of Israel continually recited and remembered? What can we learn and apply from that?
3. Read Nehemiah 1 together. Did God speak audibly to Nehemiah about rebuilding the wall? If not, how did God "put into Nehemiah's mind" (2:12) this vision for rebuilding the wall? What can we learn about vision from this example?

4. Nehemiah was both a Godly and extraordinary leader. What qualities do you notice about him in Chapter 1 (or from reading the book or listening to the message)? As you think about these qualities, which would you like to cultivate in your life as a leader?
5. Read Nehemiah 8 together. In this case study of how God's people should hear and respond to God's Word, what do you notice and learn?
6. After the climax of Nehemiah 8 -10, the book ends on a sad note. Look at chapter 13 and discover why. What do we make of this and where does this point us?

PRAYER Together (20 minutes or so)

In light of our study in Nehemiah, pray for:

1. God's vision for our church and what God wants to do for His glory through our life together.
2. The raising up of Godly leaders in and through our families and church.
3. Our own perseverance in faith and obedience, despite our own brokenness and "bentness" toward sin.