



# THE STORY

A chronological journey  
through the Bible

Sermon Series

## Journey Group Lesson “Rebuilding the Walls” – June 9, 2013

### Getting Started

Tell about your first job or a moment in life when you discovered that some things demand hard work.

### Digging Deeper

Read Ezra 7:1-10

How did Ezra’s commitment to God’s Word shape his life and ministry?

Why is it so important that we do more than just know the content of the Bible, but actually obey what the Bible teaches?

Read Ezra 7:11-28

God worked through King Artaxerxes to send the exiles back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple and reestablish worship. How have you seen God use surprising people and circumstances to accomplish his will in this world?

Read Malachi 1:6-10 and 3:6-12

What are some ways we give God our leftovers rather than our first and best?

### Bringing It Home

Why is it so important that we give God the first and best of all we have? What are some examples of how we can do this?

Nehemiah not only prayed hard but he worked hard. How do you see this balance in Nehemiah’s life? What is the danger of praying hard but not working hard? What are some of the possible consequences of working hard but forgetting to pray?

Tell of a time you read the Bible and were quickly moved to action because of what God has taught you.

Thank God that the Bible is available and accessible today and pray that you will learn to love it and make time to study it regularly.