

## TAKING IT HOME:

God of all love, I thank you that you pour out the joy of heaven into my life. Fill me with your power so that I can overpower any obstacle and survive any storm. When my mind is troubled and my confidence shaken, let me be reminded of your promises to me. Set my heart free from the fear of failure and give me a breakthrough in my current situation. You are the almighty king whose rule is never ending. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## MY WEEKLY PRAYER PAGE:

My group's prayer requests:

## LIFE GROUP SERMON GUIDE

### ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL

#### PART 6—Remember the Great and Awesome LORD

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NEHEMIAH 4:7-23

**Homiletical point:** God protects and preserves His people.

**Key Issue:** Nehemiah assures the builders not to fear the armies of the surrounding nations, but to remember that the great, awesome, and fearful Lord will fight for them. They rely on the Lord and the Lord is faithful to His people. He frustrates the plans of the enemy and the restoration of Jerusalem continues.

#### NOTES:

**Key Lesson:** God guards our faith, mercifully strengthening us throughout our lives so that we don't lose hope. We rest assured that God will preserve our faith, even through times when it seems that He is absent. Following Jesus is difficult, but we can wholeheartedly trust in God's provision for the journey.

#### NOTES:

### LIFE GROUP TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of being in a Life Group, but it can also be intimidating. We find that group prayer goes better when we don't require everyone to pray and we keep our prayers short and simple.

**Pi<sup>2</sup>**  
PRAY • INVEST • INVITE

**MY Pi<sup>2</sup> LIST**

**P**  
**PRAY**  
PRAY DAILY FOR THOSE ON YOUR Pi<sup>2</sup> LIST, PROVIDENTIAL MOMENTS, AND FOR OPPORTUNITIES, BOLDNESS, AND CLARITY.

**i**  
**INVEST**  
INVEST AND BUILD AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS AND REAL FRIENDSHIPS WITH THOSE ON YOUR LIST.

**i**  
**INVITE**  
INVITE THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT (ATTEND CHURCH, LIFE GROUP, GO OUT FOR COFFEE, TRUST IN CHRIST).

FAMILY MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
FRIEND \_\_\_\_\_  
CO-WORKER/CLASSMATE \_\_\_\_\_  
NEIGHBOR \_\_\_\_\_



**Life Group Homework**

For the week of March 1, 2020

**QUICK REVIEW:**

As you reflect on your Sermon Guide Notes for this week’s message, what was one key take-away that you’d like to discuss with your group?

**GOD’S STORY / OUR STORY**

Read Nehemiah 4:7-23

What are your thoughts on the relationship between prayer and action?

Do you tend to lean toward one or the other?

What might you do to help keep them both in balance?

How might you encourage someone who may be struggling with balancing prayer and action?

Read: Nehemiah Isaiah 46:8-13 & 55:10-11

The rebuilding of Jerusalem is ultimately God’s agenda, God’s plan. What do you tend to do with “all your heart”: Work? Worry? Worship? Warfare? Why?

How will you participate in God’s surefire plans for His world in your family, friend groups, church and city?

How might you reprioritize your own plans and agendas in order to put God’s agenda first?

Read: Nehemiah 4:10-16

Fear is the antithesis of Trust. What causes you more difficulty? External criticism or Internal fears? Why?



**DIGGING DEEPER**

Read: Nehemiah 4:10-16 (again for reference if necessary)

Building and rebuilding are two very different tasks. When we seek to rebuild, we must first deal with the “rubble” left behind from the previously built structure. This “rubble” may be carried around with us and put to use, or it may weigh us down as we seek to understand it’s role in our life. What is one area of your life where there seems to be “so much rubble” that it creates discouragement or exhaustion? (Finances, Addictions, Relationships, etc.)

What actions specifically can you take to deal with your rubble?

In what ways are you cooperating with others and trusting God to build something out of that rubble?

**ADDITIONAL SELF-STUDY (Optional)**

Read: Nehemiah 4:9, 4:14, & Matthew 6:10

The duty of loving someone who is far from passive. In verse nine Nehemiah tells us that the Jews prayed about the threat and made an active battle plan. Nehemiah also calls the people to arms and calls them to do battle for their loved ones by cutting down the enemy if necessary, but foremost by continuing to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. How do you hope that continuing to build God’s Kingdom in your family or community will impact your loves ones?

Is there a particular threat you sense that you are facing in your own spiritual life, family or community?

What is one active step you can take this week to carry on the work of God’s Kingdom?

Share of a time when the Kingdom was made real in your life. Are there particular people you can thank for that? Who?

