

TAKING IT HOME:

Dear God, please give me a humble heart to yield to Your instructions at all times, so that I may prosper according to Your plan. Help me to obey You and let me be flexible for to see Your Holy Spirit's guidance. May I always follow when You lead, and be willing to receive Your blessings in Your perfect time. For in the name of Jesus Christ I pray. Amen.

MY WEEKLY PRAYER PAGE:

My group's prayer requests:

LIFE GROUP SERMON GUIDE

ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL:

PART 8—STAYING TRUE TO THE CAUSE OF THE KINGDOM

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NEHEMIAH 6:1-14

HOMILETICAL POINT: The law of God always does _____
_____: It _____ Him and _____ us. Trust
and obey, for there is no other way to _____ to the
cause of the Kingdom.

PART #1 STAYING ON TASK:

Review of our enemy's tactics:

Enemy Tactic #1: _____ the target

Response: Remain in the _____ of the saints and stay
on task

Enemy Tactic #2: _____ the target

Response: Remember that the _____ keeps you free

PART #2 REMEMBERING WHO YOU ARE IN THE FACE OF THE STRUGGLE:

Enemy Tactic #3 _____ the integrity of the target

Response: Remember your _____ identity

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.

Pi²
PRAY • INVEST • INVITE

MY Pi² LIST

P
PRAY
PRAY DAILY FOR THOSE ON
YOUR Pⁱ 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 15, 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?

Read Nehemiah 6:1-14

These verses give us a great story about spiritual warfare. As we follow the Lord and practice obedience towards the call He has placed on our lives, we will face opposition in the form of temptation — temptation to abandon God and His Kingdom.

GOD'S STORY / OUR STORYRead: Nehemiah 6:8 and 1 John 3:18-22

Nehemiah exhibits an incredibly clear conscience, especially in the face of what was essentially an open letter declaring his treason. Nehemiah had a clear conscience before God and was committed to honoring God with his work. Why is it important to have a clear conscience, or as John puts it, an un-condemned heart?

Read: Luke 1:68-79

In verse 74 we are told that Jesus' ministry will "enable us to serve [Yahweh] without fear". In our culture, we are often more concerned about not feeling uncomfortable, awkward, or afraid than doing what is Godly and right. In what ways do you struggle with this "fear" in your own life? (ex. withholding the truth in order to not cause conflict)

Read: Nehemiah 6:9

This short but powerful verse is either a prayer or a motto of resolve for Nehemiah. If you have one, share a short prayer, motto, or Bible verse with your group that you use to encourage yourself to remain strong?

In what ways does that spur you on toward Godliness?

DIGGING DEEPERRead: Nehemiah 6:3

Nehemiah faced three intense rounds of temptation, all of which center around abandoning his work. We see Nehemiah respond to temptation with an immediate and truthful response. He did not waver or draw up a pro/con list; but, instead, knew exactly what his response was. What is a temptation you face on a regular basis?

How might you respond in an immediate and truthful way?

Read: Nehemiah 6:11

Last week we saw how Nehemiah exhibited generosity. This week we see him exercise a great deal of courage. In verse eleven, Nehemiah makes his decision based on who he is, what he knows his character to be made of. How does your character determine or guide your choices?

ADDITIONAL SELF-STUDY (Optional)Read: Revelation 12:10, Ephesians 4:9, Colossians 4:6, Matthew 12:34-36, and James 3:1

As you reflect on the verses above, this week, we ask that you to spend some time in prayer for your group.

1. Pray for your group to grow in magnanimity: the virtue of being great of mind and heart; a refusal to be petty, a willingness to face danger, and actions for noble purposes.
2. Pray that your group would value courage and faithfulness.
3. Pray that your group members would be devoted to the work God has called them to so that, when temptation comes, they can say, "I am doing a great work and cannot come down."