



NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

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WEEK 1

Chapters 1 & 2 from *Hand Me Another Brick*

Key Thought:

God often begins His work by giving us a burden that grows into a vision.

Suggested Schedule:

6:30 – 6:45pm	Welcome & Fellowship This time slot also provides a grace period for those who arrive late. (Having a snack prepared is optional.)
6:45 – 6:50pm	Opening Prayer
6:50 – 7:00pm	Icebreaker Briefly describe a time in your life that required incredible patience and/or persistence (ex. a project, a life situation).
7:00 – 7:25pm	Discussion Questions Read Nehemiah 1-2 out loud as a group (consider listening to an audio reading to help with some of the difficult pronunciations): 1) <i>What is something from the text that stands out to you from these two chapters and why?</i>

- 2) *What can we learn from Nehemiah's approach to prayer?*
- 3) *What burden has God placed on your heart lately for prayer?*
- 4) *More questions below if time allows...*

7:25 – 7:30pm

Challenge for the Week

Spend time this week asking God: What area(s) of my life have I not prayed about? Write them down and take them to the Lord in prayer. Consider sharing your list this week with someone in your group (or a trusted friend) for accountability and prayer.

7:30 – 7:45pm

Prayer Time

Possible focus: What are some things in your life that are causing you anxiety/worry? Consider breaking up into groups of 2 or 3 for prayer and/or breaking into groups of just guys and just girls.

7:45 – 8:00pm

Fellowship & Closing

(Having a snack prepared is optional.)

Additional Questions:

1. We often exhaust every option before turning to prayer. Where is prayer on your list of habits and priorities? What is a step you can take to grow in the area of prayer?
2. How do we discern the difference between what is God's will and our own personal will?
3. Why can it be difficult to stop and seek God when we are FIRST confronted with a difficulty, problem, or moment of crisis?
4. How can we develop the same habit as Nehemiah of turning first to the Lord and seeking His wisdom in every problem, circumstance, or moment of crisis we face?
5. How does prayer help us lead from a place of dependence on God rather than self-sufficiency?



WEEK 2

Chapters 3 & 4 from *Hand Me Another Brick*

Key Thought:

Meaningful work for God will encounter resistance.

Suggested Schedule:

6:30 – 6:45pm	Welcome & Fellowship This time slot also provides a grace period for those who arrive late. (Having a snack prepared is optional.)
6:45 – 6:50pm	Opening Prayer
6:50 – 7:00pm	Icebreaker Briefly describe a time you almost gave up on something important.
7:00 – 7:25pm	Discussion Questions Read Nehemiah 3-4 out loud as a group (consider listening to an audio reading to help with some of the difficult pronunciations): 1) <i>What is something from the text that stands out to you from these two chapters and why?</i> 2) <i>Why does opposition increase during spiritual growth?</i> 3) <i>How did Nehemiah balance prayer and action?</i> 4) <i>What discouragement do you face most often?</i> 5) <i>More questions on the next page if time allows...</i>
7:25 – 7:30pm	Challenge for the Week Identify one area where discouragement has weakened your spiritual momentum. Write it down and take it to the Lord in prayer. Consider sharing it this week with someone in your group or a trusted friend for accountability and prayer.
7:30 – 7:45pm	Prayer Time Possible focus: What is an area of external opposition or internal

discouragement that you are currently facing? Consider breaking up into groups of 2 or 3 for prayer and/or breaking into groups of just guys and just girls.

7:45 – 8:00pm Fellowship & Closing
(Having a snack prepared is optional.)

Additional Questions:

1. Why do criticism and discouragement affect us so deeply?
2. Where is patience (and waiting and seeking) a challenge for you as you ask the Lord for clarity, direction, and His next steps in His perfect timing?
3. How did Nehemiah find encouragement and how did he encourage others?
4. Have you ever mistaken opposition as a sign that God was not in something?
5. What do you believe the Lord wants to restore, rebuild, and/or renew in your life, your relationships, and your walk with Him?



WEEK 3

Chapters 5 & 6 from *Hand Me Another Brick*

Key Thought:

Character matters more than reputation.

Suggested Schedule:

6:30 – 6:45pm	Welcome & Fellowship This time slot also provides a grace period for those who arrive late. (Having a snack prepared is optional.)
6:45 – 6:50pm	Opening Prayer
6:50 – 7:00pm	Icebreaker Who has modeled integrity well in your life?
7:00 – 7:25pm	Discussion Questions Read Nehemiah 5-6 out loud as a group (consider listening to an audio reading to help with some of the difficult pronunciations): 1) <i>What is something from the text that stands out to you from these two chapters and why?</i> 2) <i>What distractions pull believers away from God's priorities?</i> 3) <i>Why is integrity essential in leadership?</i> 4) <i>How did Nehemiah resist compromise?</i> 5) <i>More questions on the next page if time allows...</i>
7:25 – 7:35pm	Challenge for the Week Examine your life for areas where compromise or distraction may be weakening your walk with God. Write it down and take it to the Lord in prayer. Consider sharing it this week with someone in your group or a trusted friend for accountability and prayer.
7:35 – 7:45pm	Prayer Time Possible focus: What challenges are you currently facing in your life,

marriage, parenting, job, or school? Consider breaking up into groups of 2 or 3 for prayer and/or breaking into groups of just guys and just girls.

7:45 – 8:00pm Fellowship & Closing
(Having a snack prepared is optional.)

Additional Questions:

1. Where are you most tempted to sacrifice integrity?
2. Why is hidden sin especially dangerous for leaders?
3. What distractions currently compete for your spiritual attention?
4. How do power, success, or recognition test character?



WEEK 4

Chapters 7 & 8 from *Hand Me Another Brick*

Key Thought:

Revival begins when God's people return to Scripture.

Suggested Schedule:

6:30 – 6:45pm	Welcome & Fellowship This time slot also provides a grace period for those who arrive late. (Having a snack prepared is optional.)
6:45 – 6:50pm	Opening Prayer
6:50 – 7:00pm	Icebreaker What Bible passage has impacted your life significantly?
7:00 – 7:25pm	Discussion Questions Read Nehemiah 7-8 out loud as a group (consider listening to an audio reading to help with some of the difficult pronunciations): 1) <i>What is something from the text that stands out to you from these two chapters and why?</i> 2) <i>What attitudes toward Scripture do we see?</i> 3) <i>How does God's Word bring conviction and joy?</i> 4) <i>What habits help you stay rooted in Scripture?</i> 5) <i>More questions on the next page if time allows...</i>
7:25 – 7:30pm	Challenge for the Week Commit to a consistent daily Bible-reading plan this week. Take it to the Lord in prayer. Consider sharing your Bible-reading plan this week with someone in your group or a trusted friend for accountability and prayer.
7:30 – 7:45pm	Prayer Time Possible focus: How can we be praying for one another to be in the Word

daily? Consider breaking up into groups of 2 or 3 for prayer and/or breaking into groups of just guys and just girls.

7:45 – 8:00pm Fellowship & Closing
(Having a snack prepared is optional.)

Additional Questions:

1. What keeps Christians from consistently engaging deeply with Scripture?
2. Do you approach the Bible more for information or transformation?
3. Why do you think this genealogy was included in Scripture? What does it reveal to us about the nature of God? What does it teach us about God's priorities and, therefore, the priorities of those who lead His people?
4. How can familiarity with Scripture sometimes reduce sensitivity to it?
5. What would change if the people of our church (us) truly submitted ourselves to God's Word?



WEEK 5

Chapters 9 & 10 from *Hand Me Another Brick*

Key Thought:

God honors humble repentance and renewed commitment.

Suggested Schedule:

6:30 – 6:45pm	Welcome & Fellowship This time slot also provides a grace period for those who arrive late. (Having a snack prepared is optional.)
6:45 – 6:50pm	Opening Prayer
6:50 – 7:00pm	Icebreaker Why is admitting failure often difficult?
7:00 – 7:25pm	Discussion Questions Read Nehemiah 9-10 out loud as a group (consider listening to an audio reading to help with some of the difficult pronunciations): 1) <i>What is something in the text that stands out to you from these two chapters and why?</i> 2) <i>Why is confession difficult?</i> 3) <i>What commitments might God be calling you to renew?</i> 4) <i>Israel looked back over its history and confessed its sin before the Lord. How does repentance strengthen community?</i> 5) More questions on the next page if time allows...
7:25 – 7:30pm	Challenge for the Week Spend intentional time in personal confession and reflection. Consider meeting this week with someone in your group or a trusted friend for a time of confession and prayer. Write down one commitment you want to renew with God.

7:30 – 7:45pm

Prayer Time

Possible focus: What are some areas in which we struggle and need to ask for God's help? Consider breaking up into groups of 2 or 3 for prayer and/or breaking into groups of just guys and just girls.

7:45 – 8:00pm

Fellowship & Closing

(Having a snack prepared is optional.)

Additional Questions:

1. Why is confession difficult even when we know grace is available?
2. What patterns of sin tend to repeat themselves in your life?
3. How does pride interfere with repentance?
4. What is the difference between worldly sorrow and Godly sorrow?
5. How can repentance become a lifestyle instead of a crisis response?



WEEK 6

Chapters 11 & 12 from *Hand Me Another Brick*

Key Thought:

Celebration reminds us of God's faithfulness.

Suggested Schedule:

6:30 – 6:45pm	Welcome & Fellowship This time slot also provides a grace period for those who arrive late. (Having a snack prepared is optional.)
6:45 – 6:50pm	Opening Prayer
6:50 – 7:00pm	Icebreaker Share a meaningful celebration or milestone from your life.
7:00 – 7:25pm	Discussion Questions Read Nehemiah 11-12 out loud as a group (consider listening to an audio reading to help with some of the difficult pronunciations): 1) <i>What is something from the text that stands out to you from these two chapters and why?</i> 2) <i>Why is celebration important spiritually?</i> 3) <i>How does gratitude strengthen faith?</i> 4) <i>What has God done recently that is worth celebrating?</i> 5) <i>More questions on the next page if time allows...</i>
7:25 – 7:35pm	Challenge for the Week Create a gratitude list this week and intentionally thank God each day. Encourage someone who has faithfully served others.
7:35 – 7:45pm	Prayer Time Possible focus: Spend time in prayer thanking the Lord for the things He has done and is doing in our lives). Consider staying together as an entire

group for this week's prayer time.

7:45 – 8:00pm Fellowship & Closing
(Having a snack prepared is optional.)

Additional Questions:

1. Why do Christians sometimes struggle with joy?
2. What steals gratitude from your daily life?
3. How does celebration strengthen spiritual endurance?
4. In what ways can worship become routine instead of heartfelt?
5. How can remembering God's faithfulness help fight anxiety and fear?



WEEK 7

Chapters 13 & 14 from *Hand Me Another Brick*

Key Thought:

Faithfulness requires ongoing vigilance.

Suggested Schedule:

6:30 – 6:45pm	Welcome & Fellowship This time slot also provides a grace period for those who arrive late. (Having a snack prepared is optional.)
6:45 – 6:50pm	Opening Prayer
6:50 – 7:00pm	Icebreaker What habits help you stay spiritually focused?
7:00 – 7:25pm	Discussion Questions Read Nehemiah 13 out loud as a group: 1) <i>What is something from the text that stands out to you in this chapter and why?</i> 2) <i>What warning signs indicate spiritual drift?</i> 3) <i>How can Christians maintain long-term faithfulness?</i> 4) <i>What spiritual habits protect priorities?</i> 5) <i>More questions on the next page if time allows...</i>
7:25 – 7:30pm	Challenge for the Week Evaluate your current discipleship reality. Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord & Savior? Have you been baptized? How about other areas of discipleship [ex. Abiding Daily (Scripture & Prayer), Attending Church Weekly (a Weekend Worship Gathering), Small Group participation (what we are doing right now!), Serving Regularly (at church and in our neighborhoods/community), Giving Faithfully (consistent & generous giving to your local church), Sharing Your Faith with Others (Discipleship/ Outreach)]? Choose at least one area to ask the Lord to help you grow in

and share it this week with someone.

7:30 – 7:45pm

Prayer Time

Let's pray for one another in the area(s) that they would like to take a next step in their journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

7:45 – 8:00pm

Fellowship & Closing

(Having a snack prepared is optional.)

Additional Questions:

1. What subtle compromises most commonly lead believers into spiritual drift?
2. How do success and comfort sometimes weaken dependence on God?
3. Which spiritual disciplines feel life-giving to you right now, and which feel neglected?
4. What warning signs indicate your soul is become spiritually unhealthy?
5. Who has permission to challenge or correct you spiritually?



WEEK 8

Chapters 15 & 16 from *Hand Me Another Brick*

Key Thought:

God uses faithful people to impact future generations.

Suggested Schedule:

6:30 – 6:45pm	Welcome & Fellowship This time slot also provides a grace period for those who arrive late. (Having a snack prepared is optional.)
6:45 – 6:50pm	Opening Prayer
6:50 – 7:00pm	Icebreaker What has been the most meaningful lesson from this study? Why?
7:00 – 7:25pm	Discussion Questions Take a few minutes individually to review Nehemiah 1–13. Then reflect on the following questions as a group: 1) <i>What is something that stands out to you from these thirteen chapters and why?</i> 2) <i>What lesson impacted you the most?</i> 3) <i>Where have you grown spiritually?</i> 4) <i>What next step is God calling you toward?</i> 5) <i>More questions on the next page if time allows...</i>
7:25 – 7:30pm	Challenge for the Week Reflect on one thing you learned, one area where you want to grow, and one next step God may be calling you toward. Write it down and take it to the Lord in prayer.
7:30 – 7:45pm	Prayer Time Share what you wrote down from the above challenge with your group.

Consider breaking up into groups of 2 or 3 for prayer and/or breaking into groups of just guys and just girls (if a mixed gender group). Take time to pray for one another based on what they shared.

7:45 – 8:00pm Fellowship & Closing
(Having a snack prepared is optional.)

Additional Questions:

1. What kind of spiritual legacy are you currently building?
2. Where do you most need continued rebuilding in your life?
3. How has God challenged your understanding of leadership through Nehemiah?
4. What unfinished work is God still doing in you?
5. What would long-term faithfulness actually look like in your current season of life?