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**WHAT
GOD BEGINS,
HE WILL
COMPLETE**

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WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

Share with the group how God has been working in your life recently to bring you closer to the image of His Son, Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP: Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- Lord I Offer You My Life
- I Will Follow
- Lord I Give You My Heart

WORD: Understanding the Word

LESSON AIM

1. Members will reflect on their own “genealogy” to see whether they belong to God’s family.
2. Members will rid their lives of sin and offer themselves to God.
3. Members will support the church and serve God where He has placed them.

INTRODUCTION

God was able to accomplish what the surrounding nations thought impossible. The walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt in record time. God is at work rebuilding His city for His glory. Almost a century before, He brought back to the city a remnant from exile. Then the temple was rebuilt. Now the walls were rebuilt. But the most important part of the city still needed to be rebuilt. These were its people. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6:12-13 that the battle against evil is not physical, but spiritual in nature. “12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” Let’s take a look at how God now prepares to rebuild the lives of the Jews who are now residing in Jerusalem.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

1. How did Nehemiah ensure the security of the city now that the walls have been rebuilt? (vv. 1-4)
2. What did God place in Nehemiah’s heart to do? (v. 5)
3. What was the total number of people found in the genealogy? (vv. 8-60)
4. What did they discover when they checked everybody’s genealogy? (vv. 61-65)
5. What was the total number of people who gathered at the assembly? (vv. 66-69)
6. What did the assembly gather to do? (vv. 70-73)

WORD: Understanding the Word

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

1. Why did Nehemiah take necessary precautions to secure the city?
2. What is the importance of checking the genealogy of the people?
3. What did they do to the people who could not prove that they belonged to God's chosen people?
4. Notice the difference between the total number of people found in the genealogy versus the total number of people in the assembly. What does this tell you?
5. What do you think was the importance of people giving to the work of the temple?

WALK: Applying the Word

APPLICATIONS

- CHILDREN -

1. What are some of the ways you can help build your community (school, church, barangay/village)?
2. What resources (food, clothes, toys) do you think you can share with those around you?
3. Take the time to pray for our fellow Filipinos who are starving, do not have work, and are sick. Even if you cannot go outside to help them, you can be of help by praying for others!

- YOUTH -

1. Just like the Israelites, is there a sin in your life that you are trying to hold on to? What can you do to be accountable to others so you can offer your life completely to God?
2. Sometimes, the things that are holding us back from fully committing to follow Jesus may not even be a sinful action, but something that we have turned into a sinful object, an idol. Is there something that you have turned into an idol in your life that you need to put God above?
3. Limitations may be placed on us either by others or we by ourselves, especially when it comes to following through on God's calling for ministry. Is there an area of ministry in your life God is calling you to do?

WALK: Applying the Word

- ADULTS -

1. God moved Nehemiah to check the people's genealogy to make sure that the people in the city were indeed God's chosen people. If you were to be asked, "Are you part of God's family?" How would you answer? How does one become part of God's family?
2. The people assembled and presented themselves to God that they may be His agents in accomplishing His will on earth. In what ways have you presented or offered yourself to God to be used by Him? How is God using you right now?
3. How can you contribute to God's work, either through the church or where He has placed you right now?

- COMMUNAL -

1. How can we as the church act corporately to represent God in the surrounding community? How can we distinguish ourselves or set ourselves apart from others?
2. How can we help keep the local church community pure? What can we do to encourage and support fellow believers to persevere in the faith?
3. When was the last time you thanked the Lord for your family's genealogy? To whom do you share your spiritual success and growth in your family? Do you feel ashamed of where you came from? Why or why not?




- GLOBAL -

1. How can churches act as ambassadors of Christ among the nations during this pandemic?
2. How can GCF contribute to God's work being done by other local churches across the globe?
3. Do you have a tendency to choose people with good family background when we share the good news? Or do we let the Holy Spirit lead us to the right person in the right time and situation? Share your thoughts and experience on this.
4. What is in your hand? This was the question of God to Moses in Ex.4:2 when Moses was reluctant to obey God and deliver Israel. What do you have right now- time, possession, talent, etc. that you can use to reach and bring others to Christ?



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