

REBUILDING MORE THAN WALLS

NEHEMIAH 9 & 10

MAIN TAKEAWAY

Good leadership is everything—it means doing the right thing, even when it is uncomfortable. God expects leaders to take responsibility, remember His promises, and live with integrity.

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

As Nehemiah and God’s people rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, what was God rebuilding in them?

Pastor Jonathan explained that we are all leaders in some capacity. You lead yourself first, and then other spheres of influence and calling. How would you describe yourself as a leader?

UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ NEHEMIAH 9:1-3

Own it: leadership starts with repentance and truth. What do we acknowledge about ourselves and God when we confess our sins?

Good leaders don’t cover up sin; they confess it. How did the people of Israel express repentance? What excuses could Israel have made? Why is God’s way always better (1 Corinthians 3:19-20)?

Real change starts with us—personal repentance and a return to God’s truth. Like Israel, how can we recognize that the true crisis is often internal, not external?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ NEHEMIAH 9:17-20

Remember it: leadership looks back to move forward. Why is it important to remember the past? What did Israel look back at to remember God's faithfulness?

Pastor Jonathan explained, "A nation that forgets its past is doomed to repeat it; a nation that remembers its past is prepared to grow from it." How is this seen in the history of Israel? What kind of patterns are evident?

When Israel looked back, what did they remember about God? How did God respond to His people, and what does this reveal about His character (Exodus 34:6-7)?

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Live it: leadership walks the talk. Israel committed to change. How did they express a commitment to stand on God's Word?

We need leaders who commit to God's truth and refuse to compromise (Joshua 24:15). What does it look like to be men and women of conviction in our homes, churches, and nation?

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

Pastor Jonathan said, "When God's truth is removed, Satan fills the vacuum with lies." What lies are prominent today? How do we counter lies with truth?

God was rebuilding more than walls in His people. In what area of your life is God doing His work of rebuilding? How do you recognize God's deeper and spiritual work?

As Israel looked back to God's past faithfulness, we look back to the cross of Christ. How does reflecting on the gospel of Jesus help you continually move forward in life and faith?

PRAYER

Praise God for His faithfulness. Pray that you will lead by taking responsibility, remembering God's promises, and living with integrity. Pray for the leaders in your life, church, and country.