

Use the following growth group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. What's the most extensive remodeling or construction project you have been involved in?
2. What got your attention or surprised you in Sunday's sermon?

TALK IT OUT:

3. Nehemiah prayed for protection, but he also posted guards. Does this show a lack of faith on his part? How should we "follow-up" after we pray for something?
4. What can we learn from Nehemiah about leadership?
5. What does Nehemiah teach us about prayer? What principles can we apply to our prayer life?
6. Where do we find rest? How can we ensure that we create regular patterns of rest for our souls?
7. What can we do to gain a greater dependence on God in difficult circumstances?
8. If there are areas in our lives that are displeasing to God, what can we do to make our relationship right again?

WORK IT OUT:

9. As a result of this sermon, where do you need to trust that God is calmly in control?
10. How can your growth group help you in this journey?

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART RESTS

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Today is a big day. We are finishing up the Old Testament portion of *The Story*. God's people finally make their way home. Even greater, their hearts find rest. Home is not a physical location, but a place of being. Home is where our heart rests, and home is available everyday for every one of us.

1. **"I'll be back, back, back"** - (*Ezra 1-6; 7-10; Nehemiah 1-7*). There was a scurry of activity with years of movement, then rest.
2. **O, to soak in God's Word** - (*Nehemiah 8:1-12*)! Aaaah finally home, finally healing.
3. **The discipline of listening to God's Word** - (*Nehemiah 8:1-8*). The priority of God's Word remains our source for health and healing.

Application

Let's talk about, read, listen and prioritize God's Word for the healing of our souls.

NEXT WEEK • EASTER SUNDAY

THE AUDACIOUS PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS • LUKE 23:34