



RENOVATE: BUILDING A LIFE WITH GOD

“What to Know Before You Build”

Life Group Study

Week of September 26, 2021

Opening Prayer for Group Meeting

Creator God,
We come together,
O Holy One, to
encounter you in a
story of
renovation. As
spiritual houses,
we know we are in
need of rebuilding
our broken places
so we can respond
to your call.
Guide us as we
seek to open
ourselves more
fully to you.

In the name of
Jesus Christ, the
foundation of all
life, we pray.

Amen.

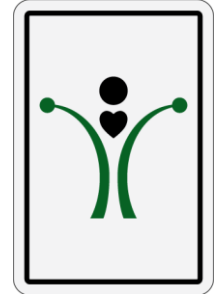
Connect

Welcome everyone and check in.

Opening

Show Video

Video Discussion



Recap of Nehemiah

Dwelling in the Word

Read Nehemiah 2:1-10

pause for reflection

Read Nehemiah 2:11-16

pause for reflection

Read Nehemiah 2:17-18

pause for reflection

... “Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and we will no longer be in disgrace.” I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.

Nehemiah 2:17b-18

Rest

The very first thing Nehemiah does when he gets to Jerusalem is rest for three days after the long journey.

What might we learn from his example?

Do we value rest in our culture?

How do you find rest?

Inspect

Nehemiah goes and he inspects the wall firsthand. He doesn't send a proxy to do the work for him. He examines the torn down walls from the small pebbles to the largest stones.

What ways do you examine your own spiritual life or even that of the world firsthand?

What might we learn from Nehemiah's example?



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How to Use This Study Guide to lead a Group Discussion

Read through all the questions and choose the ones most relevant to your group. We include more than enough ideas for the times suggested. Please do not feel the need to “cover every question.” It works better to focus your time on the items that best fit your group’s needs.



Enlist

After resting and then inspecting the broken walls of Jerusalem, Nehemiah enlists others to serve in the great renovation project.

Are we quick to enlist others in the work God has in store?

Are others quick to respond?

What might we learn from Nehemiah’s example?

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 “When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American