

LG | Guide

[Nehemiah 1:1-4]

WARM-UP (10 mins)

Prepare our minds to receive God's word.

- How was everyone's week? [Does everyone know each other? Any introductions needed?]
- Anything new in your lives'? Are there any burdens we need to pray for or victories we can celebrate together?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

PRAY

Pause. Acknowledge that you are about to open God's word.

[Pray for any burdens that have surfaced in conversation and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word during your time of study.]

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text. If you do not have a Bible, your leader can provide one.

1. Prior to us growing deeper in our knowledge of this book, what is your current understanding and experience with this book?
2. Read Romans 15:4-5 together. Why are these verses so important for us today?
3. After reading the opening verses of Nehemiah (1-4), where are we at in the history of Israel? What are these foreign terms like Chisleb, Susa, and "the exile"?
4. When and how did the wall of Jerusalem become destroyed? Where in the Bible can we read about this historical event?
5. Nehemiah's response in verse 4 was one of great sorrow and mourning. What was Nehemiah's connection to Jerusalem? Why did he have this type of reaction?
6. How does Nehemiah's reaction instruct us on how we should respond in the face of terrible news? How do you typically respond to bad news?
7. Nehemiah's response was a reflection of his habits. How do we begin to cultivate a life that is prayer dependent? Give examples of what this looks like in your daily life.

PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. What does tonight's conversation lead you to pray for?