

# LG | Guide

[Nehemiah 1:4-11]

## 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?

## ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

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

1. Using what we have learned, who can give a brief history of Israel up to this point in Nehemiah in 1-2 minutes?
2. Read our primary text. In Nehemiah's prayer, he describes himself as a God's servant. Why is this significant or worthy of note?
3. How does Nehemiah structure his prayer to the Lord? How does this instruct our praying?
4. Read together Nehemiah 1:8-9. Now read together Deuteronomy 4:25-31 and Leviticus 26:40-42. What essentially was Nehemiah saying in this opening chapter? Where does Nehemiah see himself in the history of Israel?
5. Given Nehemiah's prayer and his position as cupbearer to the king, how do you think Nehemiah views God?
6. Many would describe Nehemiah as simply a "wall builder." After reading chapter 1, how would you describe him?
7. Nehemiah asks God if his ear would be "attentive to the prayer of his servants and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name." What do you think it means to "delight to fear your name?" Do you find yourself having this type of delight in the Lord?

## PRAY

**Use this time to pray specifically. What does tonight's conversation lead you to pray for? What burdens have been presented in conversation?**