

NEHEMIAH 4-5

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

TO DISCUSS ON _____

PART 1: TRIALS AND SUFFERING

TO BRIDGE CHAPTERS 4-5 WE ARE GOING TO OPEN THE SCRIPTURES TO REMIND OURSELVES OF THE BATTLE AT HAND AND THE VICTORY THAT HAS BEEN WON! BE ENCOURAGED TO PRESS ON AND PERSEVERE THROUGH WHATEVER YOU ARE FACING TODAY.

List the beautiful promises of 1 PETER 5:10

Share a time that the LORD restored you after a struggle or season of suffering below.

What does JOHN 14:27 say we are not to do?

What does PHILIPPIANS 4:12-13 say we can do?

No matter the weight of what we are facing what does 2 CORINTHIANS 4:8 promise we will not be?

After we have been set free, what does ROMANS 6:20-23 say we are and receive?

When we heed the Word of God with perseverance, who does 1 TIMOTHY 4:16 say can be saved?

List those you would like to see come to know Jesus as their LORD below. Pause to pray for God to work in their hearts as you engage them in love.

My enemies, my troubles, and my worries fade in Your presence, LORD. Increase my capacity to rest in the security and satisfaction that You have overcome all things

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PART 2: PERSEVERANCE

Who does 1 PETER 5:8-9 say is also suffering?

Do you find this to be comforting or troubling or both? Why?

In JAMES 1:22-25 we see perseverance and action together. Summarize VERSE 25 below:

What does GALATIANS 6:9 encourage us not to do?

We know working for the LORD can be exhausting, lonely, dangerous, and difficult. Share a time that you felt one of these things as you served the LORD, and what served as an encouragement to you to not grow weary of the work you were doing.

ROMANS 12:12 is a great perseverance summation. Write it below:

What does JEREMIAH 29:11 tell us the LORD has for us?

What does JAMES 1:2-5 say the finished work of perseverance produces in us?

LORD, fasten our eyes on the men and women facing martyrdom for the sake of the gospel, we pray for mercy and favor for the work of those in the midst of danger.

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PART 3: THE BATTLE AND THE ENEMY

What does EPHESIANS 2:1-5 say the enemy truly is?

What does EPHESIANS 6:12 say that our struggle is against?

Can you think of a time when you invested a great deal of time and energy fighting a battle against the wrong enemy?

What does 1 TIMOTHY 6:12 encourage us to do?

We can fight well because of the One who has fought and is fighting for us! Describe a time that you felt the LORD fighting with or for you:

What does 1 JOHN 4:4 say is greater than the world?

How many times does PSALM 18 record the LORD saving us from our enemies?

Nehemiah was a person of influence that persevered despite opposition. He knew who his real enemy was and his actions were filled with wisdom and focus.

*Can you think of a time that you were (or were not) able to be steady in the middle of a conflict?
How did you influence those around you?*

LORD, when I am weary remind me Your love remains. Strengthen me for the battles ahead and help me proclaim You alone are the source of my strength.

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PART 4: DO NOT LOOSE SIGHT THAT THE VICTORY HAS BEEN WON

What does 1 JOHN 5:4 say about overcoming?

What does 1 PETER 2:9-12 that we are? ...and used to be?

Why does JOSHUA 1:9 say that we should not be afraid?

JOHN 16:33 promises us what two things?

We will face trouble, trial, suffering, and hardship that we will have to endure.... But in the midst of it all, if we are in Christ we can know peace!

What is the most difficult thing you are facing in your life right now?

What does ROMANS 8:35-39 say we cannot be separated from?

What does VERSE 37 say we are?

What does JAMES 1:12 say awaits us?

May our hearts beat strong and steady filled with His presence and purpose!

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