



GROUP & FAMILY MATERIALS

WEEK 3

DO NOT GIVE UP MEETING TOGETHER, AS
SOME ARE IN THE HABIT OF DOING, BUT
ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER...

HEBREWS 10:25 (NIV)

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VISION

INTRODUCTION

We have all read about, heard about or experienced a group of people who were mobilized to accomplish an extraordinary challenge together that they could have never accomplished by themselves. They were people with a shared vision for the future.

Our vision for the future is clear when we can answer these questions: what's next, why is it next, what will it take to get there, and what's my part?

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

NEHEMIAH 2:11-18 (NIV)

NEHEMIAH INSPECTS JERUSALEM'S WALLS

¹¹ I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days ¹² I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on.

¹³ By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire.

¹⁴ Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; ¹⁵ so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. ¹⁶ The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.

¹⁷Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace."¹⁸ I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

PERSONAL READING & OBSERVATIONS

NEHEMIAH 2:11-18

Does it surprise you that Nehemiah, while in Jerusalem for three days, didn't tell anyone what God had put on his heart to do for Jerusalem? Why or why not? (Nehemiah 2:11-12)

What do you observe about Nehemiah's walk around the walls of Jerusalem? (Nehemiah 2:13-16)

What do you think is the significance of Nehemiah using the "we" and "us" language? (Nehemiah 2:17-18)

What motivated the people of Jerusalem to begin the "good work of rebuilding"? (Nehemiah 2:18)

 WATCH JEFF'S WEEK 3 VIDEO:
VISION

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR GROUPS

Describe a time when you wanted to inspire a group of people to take action and make a difference?

Describe a current situation you are facing in which you feel responsible for protecting or serving a particular group of people.

What do you think convinced the people to start this rebuilding project?

What part of our weekend message encouraged or challenged you and why?

Nehemiah was a man who observed a clear need and prayerfully sought God for a clear vision to change the destiny of his friends. What are some areas in your life that need a more clearly defined vision for a preferred and improved future?

PRAYER

Let's ask for God's favor to come on South Naperville by making an impact for Christ for generations to come. Pick a CompassGlobal, CompassNational or Community Impact ministry and pray for God's blessing on and through them.

COMPASSKIDS CORNER

A FAMILY ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION GUIDE



Find a maze activity online and have your child complete it. Another option would be for your child to create their own maze for you to do.



Nehemiah 2:11-18



As soon as Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem, he went out at night on a secret hike around the broken-down walls. Just like the maze, he had to walk around big rocks that were blocking his way. It would have been easy to give up after seeing all the destruction, but when Nehemiah finally made it around to the other side, he shared his vision for the people to rebuild the wall!



- Why do you think Nehemiah wanted to go out at night to see the broken-down walls?
- Nehemiah had a vision for how the people could rebuild the wall. Have you ever had an idea or vision for doing something? What was it?
- Could Nehemiah rebuild the wall by himself? Why not?
- When was the last time you saw a job too big for you to do by yourself?
- Do you think it would be fun to go visit the place where our church wants to build our South Naperville Campus? (It is located on the corner of Rt 59 & 103rd Street in Naperville).



Let's pray that God would give lots of people the shared vision for why we want to build a new church building.