

Life Group Discussion Guide - *A Mind To Work*

This weeks message: *“Having A Mind To Work”* dealt with some of the obstacle aimed at discouraging us from embarking on the effort required to reclaim the spiritual, emotional, financial or relational territory that has been lost or broken down in our family relationships. In our Life Group, we will discover ways we can strengthen our families, by exploring some of the faith lessons displayed in Nehemiah’s call to lead the rebuilding of Jerusalem’s walls.

Whether the walls of your marriage, family or extended family relationships are in ruins or just need a minor touch up, we can never assume we have graduated from the crafty schemes or brazen assault of Satan against us.

Q? From the sermon on Sunday, what one thing spoke to you most significantly & why? **Explain:** _____

Q? Though it has never been a flawless institution, would you agree that marriage & family have increasingly been getting crushed into rubble over the past 50 plus years plus? If so, how & what has it resulted in? **(Yes I know this is 3 questions in 1, it’s just how I roll)** **Explain:** _____

Read Nehemiah 4:1-3 aloud in your groups

Q? In this passage, we see opposition rise against this project. In our world, who or what are the enemies that stand against the restoration of families both natural or spiritual - internal or external? **(Note: *Of course Satan energizes the resistance, but where does this resistance to family manifest?*)** **Explain:** _____

Nehemiah 4:10-11 says: *“In Judah it was said, “The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall.”*

Q? In your experience, can you relate to the pressure trying to keep you from repairing or restoring marriage, family or relationships because the mess seems too great an obstacle to overcome? **Explain:** _____

Q? Have you learned any valuable lessons you'd be able to share with the group on how to approach or process scenarios that make you feel like those in Judah did from the passage you read? **Explain:** _____

Where the enemies mocked & threatened & the work seemed overwhelming, Nehemiah inspired people with **The Why** behind **The Work**.

Read Nehemiah 2:17-18 aloud in your groups

Q? From this passage, where is **The Why** being lifted higher than **The What?**
OR - Where do you see **The Cause** elevated above **The Construction?** _____

Q? When it comes to a total restoration or basic repair needing to be made in our marriage & family, how important is it to know "**The Why**" behind the work needed to restore things? Can you relate? **Explain:** _____

Nehemiah began this whole process when his heart was in anguish over the city of his forefathers in ruins. It drove him to **prayer** & the **confession** of the sins that led to its destruction. He then **resolved** in his heart to do something about it, yet not one stone was put back in place until he took action & called the people to action.

Chapter 4 vs 6 Says: *So we built the wall..., for the people had a mind to work.*

Q? What can we learn from this regarding the partnership between God's grace & our grit when it comes to rebuilding the broken walls of family? What does "work" look like? **Explain:** _____

Close your group time by praying for marriages & families.