

## {re}BUILT WEEK 1 group guide

### BROKEN -- Nehemiah 1

#### Big Idea | VISION STARTS WITH PASSION TO CHANGE WHAT'S BROKEN

**Icebreaker** | What unfinished or even unstarted building project at work or at home most disturbs you? What do you want to do about it?

**Read the story** | **Nehemiah 1:1-11** Take turns reading a section or ask someone to read the entire passage. You choose what works best!

#### How do we respond to the brokenness in our world?

- LET IT BREAK YOUR HEART. GOD ALWAYS STARTS WITH THE HEART
- OWN IT. OWN THE PROBLEM – OWN THE SOLUTION
- REMEMBER WHY. GO BACK TO THE VISION
- ASK FOR FAVOR. USE YOUR INFLUENCE

**Questions** | Choose which questions the group wants to respond to!

1. Why is Nehemiah so concerned about Jerusalem? What did the walls being broken and the gates burned represent to him?
2. How do you respond to the brokenness in your world? Do you feel like you are used to or numb to the brokenness? Paralyzed by the brokenness?
3. How does Nehemiah “own” his part in the broken walls? How do we own our part in our broken families? In our broken country? How can this ownership help us see things differently?
4. How do you think your family or neighbors or co-workers would respond if you confessed you have sinned (owned your part of the problem) instead of confessing *they* have sinned?
5. What does Nehemiah remind God of as he is praying? Is this promise (“if you return to me...”) still good? How does remembering God's promise help us when we are facing brokenness? Do you have a story about remembering God's promises helping you move forward?
6. How has God perfectly positioned you? What experiences and influence do you have that God wants to use? Is this a new way of thinking about where you are in life? What doors do you want God to open for you? What came to your mind when you heard the 52 day challenge? Do you have a miracle you are asking for?

#### **Action point:**

*Look for how to use your influence*

**Pray** | Take time to share prayer requests. Give everyone a chance to share. Should someone make a note of the requests?