

**{re}BUILT WEEK 5 group guide**  
**MONEY PROBLEMS -- Nehemiah 5**

**Big Idea | MONEY PROBLEMS ARE REALLY PEOPLE PROBLEMS**

**Icebreaker** | When there is more month left at the end of the money, what do you do without?

**Read the story | Nehemiah 5:1-19** Take turns reading a section or ask someone to read the entire passage. You choose what works best!

**WE THINK IT'S A MONEY PROBLEM...FAMINE. BIG DEBT. SUPER HIGH TAXES. BUT IT'S REALLY A PEOPLE PROBLEM WHEN...**

- IT'S WHAT'S BEST FOR ME, NOT US
- IT'S MAKE MONEY AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS
- IT'S COMPLAIN, BUT DON'T MAKE ANY SACRIFICES

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

1. What is the "great outcry" all about? What needs are going unmet? What three groups are most affected? How does this affect their ability to finish the work on the wall?
2. How does Nehemiah respond to the cries for justice? Read Leviticus 25:39-42, Ezekiel 22:12-13. Why does Nehemiah get so angry at the nobles and officials?
3. What changes in the governor's office does Nehemiah make for the sake of the people? (v. 14-19) Nehemiah shows that loving God and others may require personal sacrifice. What sacrifices are you willing to make so that God's work will prosper?
4. The mission Jesus has called us to, isn't about a few people sacrificing, it's about all of us giving up worrying about what's best for ourselves and thinking about what's best for the kingdom of God. Does where you are investing your finances and resources reflect what is in your heart?
5. What is a way that you can invest in other people instead of your own bottom line? Have you had an "It's all yours, God" moment? How is God using your resources (time, money, talents, etc) to help heal the world?
6. How has the 90 day challenge been going? Are you finding that tithing and giving to the mission is growing your heart? Share a story about God growing your heart in this area of generosity and giving it all to Him.

**Action point:**  
**WHERE DO YOU WANT TO INVEST?**

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