

# Sermon Discussion Guide

Rebuilding Together: Week 1

## Icebreaker Question

- If there was any project around your home that could immediately be completed, what would you choose?

## Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

## Read

Nehemiah 1

## Main Ideas

This week, we began a new series in the book of Nehemiah called *Rebuilding Together*. Upon hearing the news that Jerusalem's walls are broken, Nehemiah spends months mourning and praying, confessing the people's sin and asking God to gather His people back. He ends his prayer by asking for favor as he seeks to use his influence with the king to return to Jerusalem.

## Discussion Questions

1. What about the state of Jerusalem causes Nehemiah to respond so strongly?
2. What is your experience with fasting? How might fasting play a part in your prayer life?
3. What do you notice about Nehemiah's prayer in v. 5-11?
  - a. What does he declare about God?
  - b. What does he declare about his people?
  - c. What does he ask God to do?
4. Is there an issue in our community, culture, or world that you feel your heart being stirred up about? What is a step that you could take in following that passion?
5. Is there a part of your life where you need God to do a restorative work? How can we pray for you? How can we walk alongside you?