



Unit 18 Session 2

The Walls Rebuilt

Nehemiah 1-6

Story Point: God used Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem's walls.

God's people had lived in Babylon for 70 years. Then King Cyrus, the king of Persia, took over Babylon and let them go home. Nehemiah stayed and worked for the king of Persia. One day, some men came from Judah. Nehemiah asked, "How are God's people doing in Jerusalem?" The men had bad news: "The people are in trouble. The walls around Jerusalem are broken down, and the gates have been burned down."

Nehemiah cried. The king asked, "What's wrong?" Nehemiah said, "The city where my ancestors are from is in ruins."

The king sent Nehemiah to Jerusalem. Nehemiah inspected the walls and led the people to start rebuilding the walls and gates. Not everyone was happy that Jerusalem's walls were being rebuilt. Some men who lived nearby were angry. God's people kept working

on the walls, but their enemies made a plan to attack them and stop their work.

Nehemiah reminded the people that God was with them. "Don't be afraid. God is great and powerful!"

So God's people went back to work. Some stood guard with weapons, and others worked on the wall. In just 52 days, the wall was complete! All of Jerusalem's enemies were afraid because they knew God was with His people.

Christ Connection: Nehemiah led the people to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem to protect them from their enemies. Jesus came to protect us from our greatest enemy, sin and death. He died on the cross and rose from the dead to rescue everyone who trusts in Him.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Fill in the missing words. Each word begins with the last letter of the previous word you filled in. (Example: If you filled in *apple*, the next blank would start with e.):

N_____ was working for King Cyrus, but he heard that his people needed _____. Nehemiah talked to the King of _____, even though he was _____ he might get in trouble for being sad in front of the king. The king sent Nehemiah to Jerusalem to help. The people worked hard, but they were scared of their enemies. Nehemiah said “_____ be afraid. God is great and powerful!” They _____ God, and God protected them.

Word list: *afraid, don't, help, Nehemiah, Persia, trusted*

- What does this story teach us about God?

- How do we show we trust in God?

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APPLY the Story

- What was the first thing Nehemiah did after hearing about Jerusalem?

- What feelings might prompt you to pray?

- What situation do you need to pray about this week? How can you remind yourself to “pray without ceasing”?

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APPLY the Story

- Find 1 Peter 5:10 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for always having a plan and asking Him to help you trust Him and His good plan.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Timothy 3:12-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 34:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 5:10-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 4:2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 4:8 |