

Fresh Start – Week 6 (Nehemiah 6-13)

Message Based Curriculum

Opening

- Begin with a brief welcome and prayer to set the tone for the group time.
 - Introduce the theme: When God gives a fresh start, what He desires from us is a faithful finish.
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Discussion Questions

1. Staying Focused on God's Work

- Begin by reading **Nehemiah 6:1-9**
- In this passage, distractions try to pull Nehemiah away from his God-given responsibility.
 1. Nehemiah's response in verse 3 is, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down." How can this mindset be helpful for us?
 2. Are there areas of your life where you need to be more intentional in staying focused on what God has called you to do?

2. Anchoring Our Minds to God's Word & Guarding Against Spiritual Drift

- Read **Nehemiah 8:1-12**
 1. The people of Israel hadn't heard God's Word in generations. What was their reaction when it was read to them?
 2. Have you ever experienced spiritual drift due to a lack of time spent in Scripture?
 3. What are some "small" compromises in our faith that lead to bigger spiritual drift?
 4. In **Nehemiah 13:4-14**, Nehemiah took bold action to restore faithfulness. What steps can we take to guard our hearts and remain spiritually strong?
 5. What areas of your life do you need to examine for potential spiritual drift?
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Bible Reflection

- Silently read **Nehemiah 9:1-3**.
 - Ask God to reveal any areas where you need to refocus, repent, or renew your commitment to him.
 - Share any insights or convictions that came up during this quiet time.
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Prayer Time

- Either break into pairs or smaller groups or as a group share and pray for one another.
 - **Pray for Focus:** Ask God to help you stay focused on His work and not be distracted.

- **Pray for a Hunger for His Word:** That each person would grow in our love for Scripture and allow it to shape our lives.
 - **Pray for Strength Against Spiritual Drift:** That we would remain faithful and not compromise in small areas that can lead to drift.
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Closing

- Now that we've wrapped up our Nehemiah series, we'll be starting a new series called "The Posture of Prayer" next week. We'll explore what prayer means for our relationship with God and how different physical postures and rhythms can help us re-invigorate our prayer life.
- In addition to that, our church will embark together on a 12-Day Prayer Journey using the Hope Community Church App. To follow along, download the app at gethope.net/hopeapp. You'll hear more information at this weekend's services.