

# RESTORATION

A study through Nehemiah

## Thesis:

As followers of The Lord in Christ, God has not only saved us, but called us into participation in the work that He is doing in the world. God Himself has prepared this work for His people (Eph. 2:10), and throughout Scripture, the Lord promises to bless His work, bless His people as they seek to accomplish His work, and prosper and establish work done for Him. Followers of Christ affirm and believe those truths, and yet there are times while serving that our experience doesn't line up with what we know to be true. Even in the midst of participating in the Lord's work, we may experience discouragement, from ourselves (our flesh), from others (the world), and from the devil. How can we remain faithful to continue participating in the Lord's work, when we might interpret a discrepancy between what we know to be true and our felt experience? In chapter 6, Nehemiah and God's people enter into the completion phase of rebuilding Jerusalem's wall. And even at that time, opposition against the work continues to attempt to discourage and discredit him. By observing Nehemiah, we understand how we can remain faithful in continuing the work the Lord has laid in front of us, even in the midst of opposing forces. By continuing in the Lord's work, we bear witness to the Goodness and Character of our God.

## Introduction

As we are reading about God's people entering into the completion phase of rebuilding Jerusalem's wall, can you recall a time when you had to work with a group to complete a large project (for school or work) what did you like about it? What was challenging?

## Love your Neighbor:

Discipling Idea:

- **Invite a neighbor from work or school to come to church with you, or visit your NG.**
- How have you loved your neighbors inside the group this week?
- How have you loved your neighbors outside of your group this week?

## Discussion Questions:

- Q1. Where/in what way(s) do you sense God might be calling you to follow Him in this season?
- Q2. Have there been times you've felt discouraged? How did the Lord help you through those times?
- Q3. How can we encourage others to steadfastly follow the Lord where he leads us?
- Q4. What are some actions we can take to grow in courage and endurance in following the Lord?

## Praise and Prayer:

- Praise God that He is faithful and is an ever-present help for His people
- Pray that God will help you retain truth in your heart to oppose falsehood
- Pray for continued obedience in your life to God's word and what He has called you to
- Pray for discernment and perseverance when opposition increases