



# THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | SERIES: REBUILD, REVIVE, RESTORE

TITLE: BROKEN

SCRIPTURE: NEHEMIAH 1:1-11

## One Thing Follow-up:

**In the middle of a pressure-filled world, the gospel shines like a diamond.**

Q. Is this statement true? How?

## Opening

As Christians, Scripture is our guide. This means all Scripture, not just the warm and fuzzy parts. Scripture can be hard, convicting. Everything we need to know about God and everything God has to say to Christians can be found on the pages of Scripture. Christians need to be people of Scripture now, maybe more than ever. Our Bibles provide direction and encouragement as we help rebuild, revive, and restore.

## Series Review

We are starting a new series “Rebuild, Revive, Restore” in the book of Nehemiah. The book was written in an incredibly difficult time. It was a time of difficulty and searching. In this difficulty we are given an incredible picture of trust, faith, and boldly following God.

## Review the Message

**When we are concerned about God’s work in the world, and our time with him, our prayers will radically transform.**

**Read Nehemiah 1:1-3**

Q. Recall a time when you received difficult news when you had little opportunity to help. What did you do?

Q. How do you process when you attempt to follow God but nothing seems to go the way you plan? Does this reflect on God’s character?

Q. How do you encourage someone going through this sort of difficulty?



**Read Nehemiah 1:4**

Q. When have you reacted as Nehemiah did in these verses?

Q. What is fasting? Is fasting still important?

**When we are concerned about God's work in the world, and our time with him, our prayers will radically transform.**

Q. What is your normal process for making decisions?

Q. How long do you wait to move to action?

**Read Nehemiah 1:5-7**

**A heaven-focused perspective, gives insights to today's problems.**

Q. Is there a difference between the pattern of Nehemiah's prayers and yours?

Q. Why is God's covenant, so different and important?

**The covenant rests on love and law. We should always recognize God's mercy and love, and our responsibility.**

Q. Nehemiah confesses sin in his prayer. Much of what he prays is not directly connected to his choices? Why does he pray this way? Should we?

Q. Do you feel better when you are alone or when you are connected?

**Read Nehemiah 1:8-11**

Q. What stands out in this prayer?

Q. How does deepening knowledge of God, change the way we pray?

**If you don't know how to pray-pray the Bible.**

**Read Nehemiah 1:11**

Q Unique about the request of Nehemiah's prayer?

Q. What does praying for success mean?



**Living It Out  
Application**

**Pattern of prayer: Praise, confession of sin, petition leading to action.**

**WHEN THINGS ARE BROKEN AND THE WAY ISN'T CLEAR - *GOD'S PEOPLE HUMBLY ASK GREAT THINGS OF OUR GREAT GOD AND THEN WE GET TO WORK.***

Q. What is God saying to you through this lesson?

Q. What will you do about it this coming week?

Q. How can we help you?

**Prayer:**

Q. Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?