

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

GOALS

We all have goals! Whether your goal is to raise your grades, learn a new skill, get TikTok famous, change the world, or all of the above, there are things you want to do, accomplish, and become. But let's be honest – it's not always easy to achieve our goals. Sometimes it's difficult to even know which goals to set in the first place! That's why, in this 4-week series, we'll explore the story of a guy with a seemingly impossible goal and the steps he took to make his goal a reality. His name is Nehemiah, and because of his example we can learn a lot about goal-setting, decision-making, leadership, and trusting God. Through Nehemiah's story, we'll see that **big difficulties** can inspire God-sized goals, **you are designed** for God-sized goals, God **gives us strength** to pursue God-sized goals, and God-sized goals require **God-sized gratitude**.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

You are designed for God-sized goals.

THE BIBLE

Nehemiah 1:4 & 11, 2:1-20;
II Peter 1:3

- What's something you've built or created recently? How did you make it?
- What's an example of a physical goal that would require a plan? What about a mental goal? A relational goal? A spiritual goal?
- When he was working on his goal, what's one thing Nehemiah did that we can learn from?
- What's one goal you've been thinking about today? Is anyone struggling to choose or focus on a goal?
- Read II Peter 1:3. What do you think this verse can teach us about our goals? What do you think this verse is not saying about our goals?
- What's an example of a goal God probably wouldn't help you achieve? Why?
- Tell us one of your goals! Then tell us which of your God-given abilities and interests can help you make that goal happen.
- What's one of your goals you can't accomplish alone? Who are some people whose help you need to achieve it?
- Is there anything you need to accomplish your goal that you don't already have? What do you need? Let's brainstorm ways to solve that problem!
- What's one "God-sized" goal you're going to focus on this week and how can our group help you achieve it?