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## RECAP

This week we wrapped our series in Nehemiah! Pastor Josh led us through the book's conclusion and challenged us with 4 critical questions that we will be working through in this study. Today could mark a turning point for your group. Pray for authenticity, vulnerability, and growth! Make sure to pray over people before they arrive, then before you start the study, and after. As the leader of the group, make sure to lead with vulnerability and compassion as you go through this study.

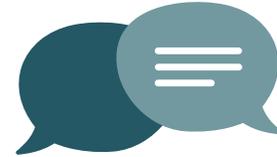
► **Icebreaker Question:** What big summer plans do you have? What are you hoping to accomplish this summer?

## DISCUSS

Before you begin, open with prayer and read through Nehemiah 12-13. Ask your group to make any observations on these chapters and observe the character's actions, attitudes, or how they approach this tough circumstance.

This week we want you to do two things as a group:

1. All of us have sinned and sin blocks us from a deeper relationship with God. Jesus can and will forgive every sin you confess. With that in mind, what specific sins have you struggled with lately that you need to confess to God?
2. What harmful habits do you need to confront head on to allow God to bring change into your life?
3. Are you fully receiving the grace and peace of Christ?
4. What new commitment today do you want to make with God?
5. Nehemiah spent a lot of time asking God to remember him at the end of the book. In what way do you want to be remembered?



In this session, encourage the members of your group to share a pivotal moment in their faith journey! While the discussion questions are important, make sure to find ways to learn each other's stories or become more acquainted with one another! Having people share moments from their lives is critical to having a meaningful study! Look at this list below for guidance or possibilities!

### Potential Pivotal Moments:

1. When did you begin to follow Jesus?
2. Have you been baptized?
3. Have you ever been on a mission trip?
4. What got you plugged into your church?
5. Have you experienced a hardship or difficulty that caused you to lean more on Christ?

## CLOSE

As you close today, make sure to acknowledge vulnerability and authenticity. Remind everyone present that the grace and peace of Jesus Christ can overcome any sin people are wrestling with. Make sure to pray over the people in your group as you close and offer to connect one on one with anyone who would like to throughout this week.

