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*Brothers + Sisters*

**We relate  
forgivingly when  
we remember who  
our big brother is.**

## ■ SERIES SUMMARY

- The apostles returned again and again to the idea that our faith in Jesus should shape every relationship in our lives—family, church, work, and community.
- In this series, we'll explore relational wisdom that is repeated again and again in our New Testaments. In groups, we'll pair these lessons with overviews of various books of the Bible.
- May our everyday interactions become opportunities to reflect God's love to the people all around us. May we allow the gospel to transform how we treat others!

## ■ ICEBREAKER

- What was your birth order and how did it impact you?

## ■ SCRIPTURE

- **Nehemiah 5**
- Reading included in this week's teaching video.



## LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. What are some aspects of Nehemiah's story that reveal his heart toward his Israelite brothers & sisters?
2. Why do you think wealth inequality becomes an even more critical issue when it's amongst God's people?
3. What challenging relational realities—perhaps born of pride or wounded-ness—might they have run into while righting wrongs?

## EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

4. In moments where you hesitate to be a peacemaker, what kinds of thoughts/feelings tend to hold you back?
5. How do you tend to process & work through hurt when it comes from faith family?
6. Can you share about a time when you witnessed Christlike brotherly love really put on display?

## WRITING A NEW STORY

7. Who has been a mentor in your faith journey and what can we learn from their example?
8. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). What kinds of things do peacemakers do that make them like their Father?
9. How do we discern when speaking hard-to-hear truth is the most loving things we can do for our brother or sister in Christ?

## TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Jesus, thank You for your patience and forgiveness toward us. Help us extend that same grace to our brothers and sisters. Amen.

