

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Sermon At a Glance

Nehemiah's story shows us that revival begins with a burden that drives us to prayer, repentance, and dependence on God. Through his vision, leadership, and perseverance in the face of opposition, God's people were stirred to rise up and rebuild, reminding us that He is able to bring renewal and finish the work He starts in us.

Ice Breaker 1

Did you have a coach or teacher growing up that was impactful in your life? Please explain. **1**

Ice Breaker 2

What is one thing on your bucket list of things to do? **2**

Spiritual Entropy

The sermon compared the law of entropy to our spiritual lives: without God's renewal, things drift toward disorder. Where do you see signs of "spiritual entropy" in your life right now? **1**

Spiritual Entropy 2

Where do you see potential spiritual entropy in your family and church? What can you do to help renew the spiritual state of your family and church? **2**

Resistance

Nehemiah faced ridicule, intimidation, and opposition (please read Nehemiah 4:1–3; 6:1–3). Why do you think revival or renewal so often encounters resistance, both externally and internally? Can you think of other biblical examples? **3**

Response to Resistance

Nehemiah faced mocking and opposition (Neh. 2:19; 4:1–3). How do we see God's people throughout Scripture responding to opposition when they pursue God's call? Please read Acts 4:18–20 and 1 Corinthians 16:9)? **4**

Vision

In Nehemiah 2:12 (please read), Nehemiah says, "what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem" — what does this reveal about how God shapes vision in His people? How is this different from self-driven ambition? **5**

Self-Driven Ambition

Have you had (now or in the past) a self-driven ambition that conflicted with what God wanted for you? Please explain. **6**

Leadership & Vision

When Nehemiah shared the vision, the people strengthened their hands for the work (Neh. 2:18). Why are leaders and leadership so important to vision? **7**

Personal Observation

Have you observed a leader that inspired, led or encouraged people to a vision? Please explain. **8**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMS AT DESERT HILLS

September 30 | 6:30-7:30 PM

A supportive space to share, laugh, and grow with other moms navigating the challenges of motherhood together.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thursdays at 6PM

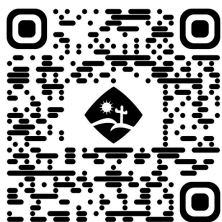
If you're tired of holding everything together on your own, this gathering is for you.

FALL WORK DAY

Saturday, October 4 | 9-11 AM

Join us for Fall Work Day as we prepare our campus for The Big Day! Every rake, broom, and helping hand plays a part in creating a space where people can encounter Jesus.

PLEASE DONATE TO SMALL GROUPS CHILDCARE



Every week Desert Hills Baptist Church pays for childcare for many of our small groups. Your gift helps provide safe, loving childcare so parents can fully engage in small group. Every donation makes a difference in helping families grow together in faith!

MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT

The Lovegrove Family to Ethiopia

Joshua and Ruth Lovegrove, along with their three sons, serve in Ethiopia with a heart for evangelism and church planting. Joshua's parents, Brian and Eva Lovegrove, are members of Desert Hills.

Over the years, the Lovegroves have seen some of their most lasting spiritual fruit come as church members bring neighbors and friends to Christ. Their prayer is that their congregation would be a church of disciples who make disciples. Through their Gospel Outreach Program, they distribute more than 1,200 Gospel tracts each week.

Ruth recently completed a children's series covering all the books of the Bible with nearly 40 children participating. The group presented a special program in church, a joyful reminder of how God is at work among the next generation. What a blessing it is to share the love of Jesus in Ethiopia!