

WE STAND AGAIN

When We Stand on God's Word

Nehemiah 8; Acts 2:1; John 17:20-21 | May 17, 2026

“All the people came together as one...”

—Nehemiah 8:1

The wall was built in 52 days because the people came together as one. After the wall was built, they hungered for spiritual renewal.

Here are a few nudges that the Israelites give us:

- » **Let's get off the fringe.** Living on the fringe is proximity without unity. What's your next step toward Jesus and His church?
- » **Let's get into our Bible.** It breathes life into us. It's a place where God speaks, and people who stand again are people who keep coming back to hear His voice. Not sure where to start? Try Luke and Acts.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senior Adult Ministry to Ohio Star Theatre on May 20

WCC Moms: What Can Our Kids Teach Us? on May 20

KidMin Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on May 31

Women: Reading Through the Gospels begins June 1

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Can you think of a time when you experienced the power of people coming together for a common purpose? What made that experience meaningful?

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- » The Israelites rebuilt a wall that had been broken for 140 years in just 52 days. What does this teach us about what's possible when God's people unite?
- » What's the difference between "proximity" and "unity"? Have you ever been in a group where people were close in proximity but lacked unity? What was that like? What builds true unity in a church or small group?
- » Research showing that people who engage with the Bible 4+ days per week experience significantly greater "human flourishing." Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
- » What has been your personal experience with regular Bible reading?
- » What are you currently "feeding" your heart and mind? How might consuming news headlines, social media, and entertainment affect our spiritual health compared to engaging with Scripture?
- » Have you ever experienced living on the "fringe" of faith, (close to Jesus but not fully committed)?
- » What keeps people from moving from the fringe to full commitment?
- » The Israelites experienced "very great joy" when they obeyed what they read in Scripture. Why does obedience lead to joy?
- » Can you share a time when obeying God brought unexpected joy to your life?

NEXT STEPS:

Identify what "getting off the fringe" looks like for you personally:

- » Is it baptism? Joining a small group? Starting to serve? Increasing your generosity?
- » Share your next step with one person in this group for accountability.
- » Take one concrete action toward that step this week.