



# NEHEMIAH

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TRUTH



*Each session will begin with an opportunity to help you connect with and get to know one another.*

Other than the Bible, what is your favorite book—whether it's fiction or nonfiction? What makes that book stand out from all the others?

*Play the "Session Seven: Truth" video lesson.*

What stood out to you from the video?

"THE BIBLE IS AN ANCIENT COLLECTION OF EVENTS AND MOMENTS WITH AN EVER-PRESENT DIVINE ENERGY. IT TAKES SOME NUANCE AND PARSING OUT. AND THE FIRST GOAL IS UNDERSTANDING—BUT THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS OBEDIENCE."

— DUSTY FRIZZELL

*In the following section, you will explore Bible passages and take part in discussion to apply insights from this session. If time is a concern, please choose just a few questions to discuss in your group.*

**Read Nehemiah 8:1-18**

1. What Bible verse would you say has impacted your life the most? Share about a time when that piece of Scripture helped you. How did it encourage or challenge you? How did it provide you with strength and comfort?

2. During the reading of God's word, Nehemiah and the other rulers tell the people to rejoice rather than grieve. Why should the Scriptures bring us joy rather than sorrow? How do you personally feel when you read the Bible?



3. Why do we need to obey the word of God instead of simply knowing what it says? How should understanding God's word lead us to obeying God's word? Is it possible to actually understand the Scriptures without obeying them?

***Read 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5***

4. When Paul says that all Scripture is "God-breathed," he means that God brought them to life and into existence. How would we view the Bible if we believed God had no part in it? How does the Bible provide us with wisdom that we could never gain from other people?

5. According to these verses, how does God use His word to transform us? What does that process feel like? Why might a person choose to reach for something they want to hear rather than the Scriptures they need to hear?

6. How has the word of God challenged you to obey this week? What do you believe God is specifically calling you to do through His word? How will you take the first step toward answering this call?



## DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

*Read Psalm 119:105-112 & John 5:39-40 & Hebrews 4:12*

7. In Psalm 119:105, it says that God's word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. To what is God's word leading us? What is at the end of the path where we are heading? How has God's word personally guided you on this path?

8. In Hebrews 4:12, the writer says that the Bible is "living and active." What does this mean? Why should we treat the Bible as a conversation partner rather than a textbook? How does your interaction with a verse of Scripture change when you come back to it a second time or a third time or a fourth?

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

*This is a place where you can write each other's prayer requests and make notes when God answers prayer. Pray for each other's requests out loud together as a group. If you're new to group prayer, you may pray silently.*

### **Prayer Requests**

### **Praise Reports**