

Build The Future

Part 3 — Build the Right Thing

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Warm-Up

1. Looking back at last week's discussion, what were you able to implement and carry with you into this week?
2. What stood out to you from the message on Sunday?
3. What is something you've been praying for throughout this series?

Know It

Read Nehemiah 2. What stands out to you?

1. How does Nehemiah's faith and character come through in his interaction with the king?

Being sad or emotional in the presence of the king was considered a huge taboo. A servant should never burden the king with his own personal issues. Nehemiah's grief must have been so deep and unable to be contained if the king noticed. It also was a huge leap of faith and boldness for Nehemiah to speak out and talk to the king so candidly; it could have cost him his life.

Read Psalm 38:17-22

Have you ever been put in a situation where your grief is so noticeable and apparent that you weren't able to hide it?



If some heavy topics come up, do not be afraid to pause and lean into the conversation instead of continuing on with the questions. Have the conversation that needs to be had.

2. How does Nehemiah rally the people to help with the rebuilding of the wall?

Read Nehemiah 2:17-18 again

Nehemiah clearly presents the problem, his suggested solution, and the reason why it must be done and be done now. He is concise and to the point, not mincing words or

dragging things out. Sometimes we can get lost in the little details and the extra fluff instead of holding fast to the main mission.

How do you see God opening a door for us to respond to the “problems” here at Journey and in our community?

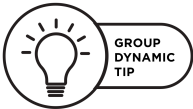
Own It

1. As you have been praying for vision in your personal life, what has God been showing you? Is there something that needs to be built or rebuilt?

Our God is a Creator and we are made in His image. We were made to build, create, and improve. Rebuilding is a part of being human, especially as we live in a fallen world where things deteriorate, corrupt, and fade. The important thing to keep in mind is that we always need to be building with God and on His good foundation.

Read Psalm 127:1-2

How do you plan to involve God in your building/rebuilding?



Allow space for everyone to share as much or as little as they are comfortable with. Don't be afraid to prompt someone to go deeper if you feel it is appropriate.

2. What do you see at Journey that needs building or rebuilding?

We are one church that meets in three locations. We have seen incredible growth over the past few years and each person in this group has played a role in that. This is a season for both looking towards the future for what's to come and also for celebrating all that has happened.

How have you personally grown in your spiritual life during your time at Journey, whether it be through Sunday services or this small group? How would you like to continue growing in the future?



If you have members in your group that attend another church on Sundays or don't attend church at all yet, feel free to tailor these questions to be more small group specific. If there's anyone who hasn't found a church home yet, this is a great opportunity to invite them.

Next Steps

1. How is God moving you to help build Journey, whether it be serving, giving, or leading in some capacity?

The body of Christ requires a certain amount of buy-in from all of us in order to function the way it's meant to. We each have a role to play in the Kingdom of God and in the church that we call home.

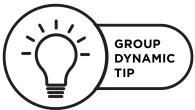
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

What gifts and skills do you believe that the Lord has given you? What do you think your role in the body looks like?

2. How can you “take inventory” this week?

The Lord can often give us a really big vision to work towards. In order to not get overwhelmed, it's helpful to break down our big vision into small bite-sized steps. Ask yourself: What is the very next step in this big vision that I need to take?

What is a tangible step you can take this week to move towards the vision God has for you and for us as a church?



Don't be afraid to let this section take up a significant amount of time. Let your group come before the Lord and seek His will for each of you.

Digging Deeper

- Read Nehemiah 1-4
Think through the themes that we have already seen and discussed through the past 3 weeks of study below.

Carrying Burdens

What brokenness in your family, church, or community might God want you to notice rather than ignore? Do you respond by acting, complaining, or avoiding?

Prayer & Action

Where do you need to pause and pray before moving? Where is God waiting for you to act after worship?

Taking Risks

What step of faith is God asking you to take in your work, relationships, or spiritual life?

What fears hold you back?

Inviting Others In

Where are you trying to do too much alone? Who can you invite to help you rebuild?