



Talk it Over | Week of May 5, 2013

Talking through the message during the week and in the Life Group context helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These discussion points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

Opener

- Have you ever had a project that took an extended amount of time to complete? What hindered you? What helped you complete it?

The Power of Focus - Read Nehemiah 2:17-18 & 4:10, Psalm 57:7, Hebrews 12:1-2, & Philippians 4:8, Matthew 14:28-32.

- The Jerusalemites succeeded in building the walls because they focused themselves on the Lord and what he was saying rather than their past experiences. Discuss how this applies to your life.
- We need a perspective shift, looking at possibilities before problems. How have you experienced this perspective shift in the past? In what area do you need to experience it now?
- Prayer, testimony, and remembering the Lord are three areas to grow in Focus. How can you apply these to your life? Which one has the most potential for improvement for you?

Fellowship Will Protect You - Read Nehemiah 3 (any portion of 3-4 verses), I Cor. 1:9, and Acts 2:42

- Isolation and loneliness makes us vulnerable to discouragement. Discuss how fellowship encourages.
- Fellowship in God's purpose is more than having the past in common, it's having the future (vision) in common. When have you experienced this kind of fellowship in the past? How are you experiencing it now?
- Take a minute to share God-inspired dreams for your life, and God's purpose in our church and generation. This is a powerful way to get to know each other!

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