



GROWING IN FAITHFUL LOVE

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group is able to lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **On Earth As In Heaven** (*Red Rocks Worship*)
- **My King Forever** (*Bethel Music*)
- **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** (*Hymn*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Nehemiah 2:5, 17-18
- Nehemiah 3:1-3
- Nehemiah 4:1-10
- James 1:2

OPENING PRAYER

Begin your group with a prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and open your hearts to His message.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. God sometimes calls us to remain faithful rather than do something new.
2. Committed relationships are where we grow in love and faith.
3. Faithfulness to our commitments allows God to redeem our past.
4. We must persevere through obstacles and voices of doubt.
5. Challenges in our relationships and faith journey are opportunities for growth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Brian mentioned that sometimes God calls us to do a new thing, while other times He calls us to remain faithful to what He's already called us to. How have you experienced this in your own life?
2. Reflect on the story of Nehemiah. How does his commitment and perseverance inspire you in your own faith journey?
3. The sermon emphasized that "committed relationships are where we grow in love." Share an example from your life where a committed relationship helped you grow in love or faith.
4. The sermon mentioned common obstacles to committed love, such as "the ruins" of our past. How have you seen God redeem past struggles or mistakes in your life or relationships?
5. Discuss a time when you faced "voices of intimidation, skepticism, or doubt" in your faith journey. How did you overcome them?
6. The "halfway test" was described as a challenging point in any project or commitment. Have you experienced this in your spiritual life or relationships? How did you push through?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. Identify one relationship or commitment in your life that needs renewed faithfulness. Make a specific plan to invest in it this week.
2. Write down any "voices of doubt" you're currently facing. Pray over them and share them with a trusted friend or group member for support.
3. Choose one area of your life (family, work, community) where you can start "rebuilding walls of righteousness." What's one small step you can take this week?
4. Practice reframing challenges as opportunities for growth. When facing a difficulty this week, ask yourself, "How might God be using this to mature my faith?"

CLOSING PRAYER

Encourage group members to pray for each other's commitments and challenges in the coming week.