

## THE THREAD | A PEOPLE RISE. A PEOPLE FALL.

### Lesson 12: Nehemiah And Rebuilding

Dear Parents,

Hello! I can hardly believe it, but we are on our next to last of the 13 lessons studying we continue our study of the big-picture story of the Bible and the story of Israel seeking to establish itself as a nation through The Thread: A People Rise, A People Fall. This week, the lesson was entitled “Nehemiah and Rebuilding.” It was a really incredible time together learning about the story of Nehemiah as we approach the end of our time of God’s story through the Old Testament.

**Lesson Overview:** This lesson marks another turning point in our journey through the big-picture story of the Bible. We will be close to finishing up the Old Testament part of the story. The Old Testament holds its challenges for modern readers. But when you know the backstory, it makes Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection even more awesome. This week we’ll look at the story of Nehemiah, and through this story, we’ll get a glimpse at what it was like to try and rebuild Jerusalem. Nehemiah and the remnant of God’s people were facing a major uphill battle, one with a ton of emotional implications. But they recognized that this was the Lord’s will. And they persevered and finally succeeded. You’ll also learn about the New Jerusalem God plans to usher in at the end of all things. It’s a very cool connection to make with one of the last chronological stories of the Old Testament.

**What We Want Your Teenager To Learn:** Understand why the narrative of Nehemiah repairing the wall is such an important end to the Old Testament’s look at the Israelite’s story and recognize that God is moving toward a future where all who have believed in Him will live together, with God, in a new Jerusalem.

**What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They’ve Learned:** Express their thoughts on what they think is the most significant detail of the new creation John refers to in Revelation 21.

**Scripture Passages We Studied:** Nehemiah 1; Nehemiah 2:1-18; Nehemiah 12:27-43; Revelation 21:1-8

*Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.*

### NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What was the problem that the people in Jerusalem faced, and how was Nehemiah used by God to solve that problem?
- What do you think about the idea that we’ll live with God for eternity? Is that hard for you to wrap your head around?
- Was there something about heaven that you read about in Revelation that you wish was already true today? Explain.
- What does it mean to long for God more than we long for His solutions to our problems?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I’m praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don’t hesitate to let me know.