

LESSON 8—*Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls*

Questions and Answers—Student Guide

Lesson goal: The goal of this lesson is to answer the question, “How did Nehemiah rely on God to give him courage to be a brave spiritual leader and reformer of his people?”

Pre-Lesson Preparation

Read Nehemiah 1:1-4, 1:11; 2:1–3:2; 4:1-16; 6:15-16.

Think

Think about this: Have you ever had to make a bold decision for Christ and take action? Were you scared? How did you handle that circumstance?

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin or sins does this lesson teach you to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach you to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Additional questions

13. The time of Ezra and Nehemiah was one of physical reconstruction and spiritual reformation. Describe that. Also talk about other times of spiritual reformation in the church throughout history. Do you see the need for spiritual reformation yet today? Why or why not?
14. Read through several of Nehemiah’s prayers. Which one do you like best? How can it apply to your life?
15. The period between the Old and New Testaments is called the intertestamental period. Give a brief overview of that time period.
16. Discuss the influence of the Greeks during the intertestamental period.

17. List and give a brief summary of the 14 apocryphal books.

Lesson wrap-up

18. How did Nehemiah rely on God to give him courage to be a brave spiritual leader and reformer of his people?