

THE WALL THE POINT:

03/25/18

WHEN YOU'VE OVERCOME THE WALL, CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE!

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but WE change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- •Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- •How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this

The Reenergizer (optional) Use this question if you need to get your group talking

Would you rather <u>never</u> being able to remember <u>other people's</u> names
 OR <u>never</u> being able to remember <u>your own</u> name?

The Reflection (required) <u>Discuss</u> these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

- As we finished the story of Nehemiah, we saw that we need to celebrate what <u>God</u> has done in our lives. This requires us to do 3 things.
 Read the following verses and <u>explain what each "R" phrase means</u>:
 - Remove the Focus From You: James 4:14-15; Psalm 100:5
 - Remember God's Faithfulness: Neh.9:16-17; Ecclesiastes12:1
 - Revel in What God Has Done!:1 Chronicles 16:7-12; James 1:17
- Now let's look back at the 5 ways that Nehemiah and Israel Remembered God's faithfulness, and how they might look in our lives today:
 - In ~Neh. 7, they remembered *God's Promises* and how He returned them to their land as promised. How might we do this today?
 - In ~Neh. 8, they remembered and read *God's Word*. <u>How could remembering God's Word look for us today?</u>
 - In ~Neh. 9, they remembered God's History and how He worked in Israel throughout the past. What does this look like for us today?
 - In ~Neh. 10, they remembered *God's Honor* and committed themselves to follow Him. What does that commitment look like for us?
 - In ~Neh. 11-12, they remembered *God's Accomplishment* right there in finishing the wall. <u>How can we celebrate the normal, everyday things that God accomplishes in our lives?</u>
- We can't *celebrate* what God has done, if we don't *remember* what He has done. Which of the 5 ways above is your biggest challenge?
- [Leaders: close as you think is best for your Pr'me]

The References

Main Passage: Nehemiah 6:15-13:31 (NIRV)

...12:27 They celebrated the fact that the wall was being set apart to God. They did it by singing and giving their thanks to him. They celebrated by playing music on cymbals, harps and lyres...

James 4:15-15 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes...

Psalm 100:5 (NIV)

For the Lord is good and <u>his love endures forever</u>; <u>his faithfulness continues through all generations</u>.

Nehemiah 9:16-17 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...<u>They refused to obey and did not remember the miracles you had done</u> for them ...

Ecclesiastes 12:1 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth...

1 Chronicles 16:7-12 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. <u>Let the whole world know what he has done</u>. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. <u>Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds</u>...

James 1:17 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Every good and perfect gift is from above...

