



# NEHEMIAH

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CONFLICT

*Each session will begin with an opportunity to help you connect with and get to know one another.*

What was your favorite playground game growing up as a child? What is one specific memory you have playing that game?

*Play the "Session Four: Conflict" video lesson.*

What stood out to you from the video?

"CONFLICT IS INEVITABLE. BUT WORKING TOWARD PEACE IS REVOLUTIONARY—  
FOR YOUR SOUL AND FOR THE WHOLE WORLD."

— DUSTY FRIZZELL

*In the following section, you will explore Bible passages and take part in discussion to apply insights from this session. If time is a concern, please choose just a few questions to discuss in your group.*

**Read Nehemiah 4:1-15**

1. Describe a time when you had a small conflict with a friend or a family member or a coworker. What was the cause of the conflict? How did it resolve? How do you feel when you find yourself in the middle of a conflict?

2. This story features three main opponents to Nehemiah: Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem. Why did they have conflict with Nehemiah? Why do we find resistance whenever we try to make a change in the world? What are some examples of this?

3. What can you learn about a person through a conflict with them that you wouldn't otherwise know about them? What can you discover about yourself that you wouldn't otherwise know? Share an example of a time you discovered a person's true colors through having a conflict with them.

***Read James 4:1-12***

4. According to these verses, why do fights and quarrels arise between believers? How can we stop these conflicts before they even start? How can a deep relationship with God help us live in peace with others?

5. According to James, how do we seek peace and bring an end to conflicts and disagreements? Why do we need to apologize for our part in a conflict before healing can begin? Why is humility such a vital ingredient for making peace?

6. Describe a time when God brought peace to a situation of major conflict in your life. How did you find peace? How did God transform you through that experience?

## DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

*Read 1 Peter 4:1-19*

7. In these verses, we learn that the world is confused when Christians seek to do the will of God. Why does this happen? What is the source of the confusion? How have you personally experienced this during your Christian walk?

8. Why should Christians be unsurprised when the world insults them or mistreats them due to following Christ? Why should Christians rejoice when they are treated in the same way the world treated Jesus? How can this be a revolutionary way to live and bring change to the world?

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

*This is a place where you can write each other's prayer requests and make notes when God answers prayer. Pray for each other's requests out loud together as a group. If you're new to group prayer, you may pray silently.*

### **Prayer Requests**

### **Praise Reports**