

# Study Guide

This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one from under a chair in the Worship Center. They are there for you to take home and use! Message manuscripts are available at [www.spwired.com](http://www.spwired.com).

Monday—This week we'll be reading from the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah was an exile from Israel when he hears the news that the walls of Jerusalem have been reduced to rubble. He has a vision to rally the people and rebuild the walls and in the process restore the nation of Israel. The journey of rebuilding is a difficult one with threats from other nations and dissention from within. Today's reading is about some of the threats from neighboring kingdoms. **Read Nehemiah 4:1-14.** What do the neighboring people say about the rebuilding efforts? Why are these neighboring kingdoms threatened? How does Nehemiah keep his focus?

Tuesday—**Read Nehemiah 4:15-23.** How difficult must it have been to work a rebuilding at massive wall while at the same time carrying arms and armor? How does Nehemiah work to ensure his vision in these passages? How would you describe his focus?

Wednesday—Today's reading describes some of the dissention among the people of Israel as they worked at rebuilding the walls around Jerusalem. **Read Nehemiah chapter 5.** What are some of the points of contention? How does Nehemiah address the issue? How does he keep himself focused on the task at hand? What is he willing to sacrifice to see his vision completed?

Thursday—Today's reading contains one of the central passages from the message on Sunday. **Read Nehemiah 6:1-15.** Spend some time recalling how verse 3 related to discovering God's will. How might you use the phrase, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down"? How is this phrase helpful in discerning God's will for your life?

Friday—**Read Nehemiah 6:15-19.** What was it like for Nehemiah and his people to complete the wall, to fulfill the vision? What might it feel like for you to complete the visions that you define with God's help regarding your family, your spiritual life, your finances, your job? Spend time reflecting on some of the key parts of this last series on discovering God's will: God's providential will; God's moral will; the counsel of others; finding God's will through God's word; finding God's will through vision. How might you live out some of these princi-

## Prayer Concerns

### Serving in the military:

Ryan Grindstaff  
Deric Croan  
Summer Garner  
Cyle Haywood  
Jesse Smith  
Nathan Lawellin  
Matthew Peak  
Stephen Leadbetter  
Richard Hurst  
James Lesmeister  
Jon Arnold  
Jason Lewis  
Joshua Walker  
Chris Palmer  
Jeff Foust  
Michael Norvell  
Wally Warber  
Kristin Carter  
Grant Meador

Greg Addington

Sanford Fogg

### Health & Healing:

Joel Fulton  
Jr. & Carol Skelton  
Jim Wendel  
Cassie Evans  
Jerry & Ginger Whatley  
Tim Green Jr.  
Makiah Newman  
Marge Lewis

### Cancer Treatment:

Easton Murdock  
Sonja Davidson  
Tony Allen  
Joyce Pace  
Joey Walker  
Rod Clifton

### Grief:

The family of **Bob Clifton.**  
The family of **Kathy Divine.**  
The family of **Randy Barnes.**

### Other Concerns:

John Bearden  
Mrs. Wilkinson  
Jerri Sargent  
Barry and Felicity Roland  
Amber Welborne  
Kim Swann  
Tera Keyser  
Judy Seaton  
Aaron Roland  
Mario and Mary Soriano  
Bob Sweeny  
Kaleb Miller