

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2026

June: Higher Heights – Yours is the Glory

Outlines for the month

Week 1: Rebuilt by Grace

Week 2: Restored for Glory✓

Week 3: Raised for Purpose

Instructions

During this study, we will be doing a 'deep dive' into a scriptural passage. It is strongly encouraged that you study the passage and entire chapter ahead of the study. Also be prepared with your research tools, for example Google or your study Bible, as you will need to reference it during the study. Spend time answering and discussing each question with the intention to gain sufficient understanding to help your own private Bible study as you further explore these topics.

Study chapters: Nehemiah 1-13

Pilot text

[Nehemiah 2:17-20](#)

17 Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach." 18 And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?"

20 So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem."

Introduction

Nehemiah is a story of courageous faith rising in the middle of opposition. What began as ruins and reproach became a testimony of restoration because one man allowed God to burden his heart and move him into action. In the face of resistance, mockery, pressure, and impossibility, God's favour proved greater.

This study reminds us that God's glory is often revealed through rebuilding seasons. Walls can rise again; strength can return again; purpose can be restored again. When God's hand is upon a people, opposition cannot stop what He has ordained. As we study Nehemiah, expect God to stir fresh courage, renew perseverance, and strengthen your faith to believe that greater heights are still ahead, even after difficult seasons.

Discussion questions

1. **Where do we see Christ?** Nehemiah's work of restoration points to Christ, who restores and reconciles what is broken (Luke 4:18-21; Eph 2:14-18). How does Jesus fulfil this greater restoration?
2. **Where do we see salvation?** The rebuilding of the walls foreshadows salvation that restores identity, security, and belonging in God (Rom 5:1–2; Eph 2:19).
3. **Where do we see ourselves?** Where might God be calling us to rise above opposition and participate in His restoring work?

Closing thoughts: Nehemiah reveals what happens when ordinary people respond to God's call with courage and faith. Jerusalem's walls were broken, the people were discouraged, and opposition surrounded them from every side. Yet God's favour rested upon His people, and what seemed impossible became a testimony of restoration and glory. Where Nehemiah rebuilt physical walls, Jesus rebuilds lives (Eph 2:14-18). He restores dignity, purpose, identity, and hope. Through Christ, brokenness is never the final word. In Christ, we are restored into God's family and established securely in Him (Rom 5:1–2). What was once exposed and vulnerable becomes strengthened by grace.

Many people are rebuilding areas of life while facing resistance, criticism, or exhaustion. Some are trying to recover from setbacks. Others feel overwhelmed by the scale of what needs restoring. Nehemiah reminds us that God's hand is still powerful in difficult seasons. The people rebuilt while carrying both tools and weapons because opposition did not disappear. Yet neither did God's favour. This is the encouragement for us today: challenges do not mean God is absent. Often, His glory is revealed most clearly when His people continue building despite resistance.

Higher heights require perseverance. God does not simply restore people to where they were before. He raises them into greater strength, greater dependence on Him, and greater testimony. What began as ruins became evidence that God's grace and glory can lift people far beyond their challenges and limitations.

Application questions (use scriptures to support your position):

1. A leader (who is a believer) begins an important initiative but faces criticism and resistance that creates discouragement. She is considering quitting. How can you use Nehemiah's example to strengthen her?
2. A believer feels overwhelmed trying to rebuild stability after financial or personal hardship. What does this passage reveal about God's help in difficult seasons?