

Pink Community Group Outline
Then and Now...God Strengthens us
Week Ten - Strength in Faith

Welcome:

Share a place that would be difficult for you to go to even if you knew that God was asking you to go. Why?

Worship:

Read Nehemiah 1:4 Have you had a time when you have received bad news that was so disturbing that you mourned, fasted, and prayed for a day or longer? Share if you are comfortable.

Word:

1. Read **Nehemiah 1:1-11**
2. For whose sins did Nehemiah ask forgiveness?
3. Do you think God accepts the prayers of one individual for an entire group? Why or why not?
4. Ridicule can cut deeply, causing discouragement and despair. Instead of trading insults, Nehemiah prayed and continued with the work of rebuilding the wall. When you are mocked for your faith or for doing what is right, how do you tend to respond? Would it be difficult for you to follow Nehemiah's example?
5. We have read, heard, and discussed many different men over the last 10 weeks. Each week was about a different man that showed a different character trait. Do you believe that obedience, dependence on God, waiting on God, being tested, believing, getting a second chance, being convicted and being weak are all part of your faith? If you are comfortable, share with your group how one or all of these traits have strengthened your faith.

Works:

Ask God to open your heart to hear Him and to go, whether it be somewhere close or somewhere far away to serve Him and others.

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*Strength in Faith
Homework: Week Ten*

*But those who trust in the LORD for help will find their strength renewed.
They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary;
they will walk and not grow weak.*

Isaiah 40:31

- ♥ *PRAY: Begin by praying. Ask God for understanding, wisdom, and insight.*
- ♥ *COMMIT: To the best of your ability, commit to praying and reading God's word daily. Whether it's throughout the day or during a set time.*
- ♥ *OPEN YOUR HEART & MIND: Give God permission to examine your heart and renew your mind.*
- ♥ *READ: Look over your notes from the teaching. Look up the Scriptures or any Bible stories that are referenced in your notes.*
 - A. Don't just read the Scriptures, but soak, saturate your heart, mind, and soul in them.*
 - B. Read them aloud, slowly, and in different translations.*
 - C. It's also good to define key words to gain a better understanding.*
 - D. Pick one Scripture to memorize throughout the week.*
- ♥ *JOURNAL:*
 - A. Read Nehemiah 1:1-8:12*
 - B. Nehemiah 1:4-11. How often do you pour out your heart to God? How often do you give him a specific request to answer?*
 - C. Nehemiah 2:4. When Nehemiah was speaking with the King, he prayed for God to help him and put the expected results in God's hands. How often do we do this? Think of a time that you have done this.*
 - D. Nehemiah 4:4-5. Nehemiah is not praying for revenge, but that God's justice would be carried out. Is this a prayer that we tend to pray? Is letting God take care of the situation good enough for you?*
 - E. Nehemiah 6:9. In responding to the threats, Nehemiah prayed for strength in dealing with this. It showed how much he relied on God for emotional and mental stability. How often do you ask God for help when you are under pressure?*
- ♥ *LIVE:*
 - A. How will your life be different if you continually believe and experience the truth you learned from this passage?*
 - B. How will your choices affect people you care about? Be specific.*
 - C. Who can you share the love of Jesus with this week?*
- ♥ *PRAY: We cannot change without the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help you make the above changes. Ask God to align your heart and actions with His word. Ask God to clothe you in His grace. (Remember we are not called to be perfect but to pursue Him with all of our heart! He loves you so much!)*