



Small Group Study Guide  
Rebuilding the Walls:  
Nehemiah

“God will fight for us!”  
-Nehemiah

Week 5 Group Reflection Questions

1. How do people demonstrate the belief that what we see is all there is? How do Christians demonstrate this belief?
2. Has the Bible ever caused you to have a change of heart on an issue?
3. How have you seen the Spirit working as the “real source” in your life?
4. Has God ever given you supernatural provision?
5. How might we live out this passage in the life of our church?

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**The Real Source**  
**Nehemiah 9:19-21**

Paul and Jesus use different words to describe the same thing. Often Paul uses the word power, whereas Jesus often uses the phrase “the kingdom of God.” We don’t see either of these terms used in exactly the same way in the Old Testament, but we simply see examples of the people living in them. Here Ezra reads the law and reminds the people that their ancestors, while living in the desert for 40 years, never needed new shoes or clothes. Their feet didn’t even get swollen! For people that saw the walls of their city built in 2 months, this probably was not too hard to believe.

Nehemiah, Ezra, Paul, and Jesus (along with countless other throughout history) all knew the same thing: “the Spirit is the real source.” We live with a very limited perspective on the world for the most part. We can be lulled into believing that what we see is all there is. The Bible challenges this assumption on almost every page. Over and over we see people accomplishing things they shouldn’t be able to accomplish, yet they do. Most of all we see a man, dead, and lying in a tomb. We think we have the final word. But, Jesus shows us the real source can even conquer death. This is the power of the Spirit in our lives!

