

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

AS YOU READ CHAPTER 21

This week we read Chapter 21 of The Story! In this story we learn about Nehemiah and the walls of Jerusalem. You can use the questions below as a guide to your discussion and prayer.

1. When the walls around Jerusalem were complete, the people celebrated. Ezra, the priest, read God's law to them from sunrise to noon (Nehemiah 8:3). Why do you think he did that?

Prayer: God, we pray you help us to understand your Word and your commandments. We ask you to help us understand how to apply it to our everyday lives. Amen.

2. What's the longest you've ever listened to somebody talk about God? What do you remember the most?

Prayer: God, we thank you for our pastors, teachers and shepherds who continually help us learn about your Word. We pray you bless them and the work they do. Amen.

3. After Ezra spoke, the people went away and celebrated with great joy because they now understood God's Word. Why did they react this way?

Prayer: God, help us to be positive and always take something good from hearing your word. We pray you help us to teach others your Word as well. Amen!

4. Does God want you to be helpful with one hand and ready for battle with the other? How could you do that in your daily life?

Prayer: God, we pray you help us to remember to help others who are in need. We pray you remind us of our talents and show us where they can best be used. Amen!

5. How does it feel to know that you've just read through the Old Testament? Do something to celebrate!

Prayer: God, we thank you for the stories in the Old Testament. We pray you remind us that these stories are about people who loved you and obeyed your will, and who we can relate to on a day-to-day basis. Amen.



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