

**GOD PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE
THROUGH A CUPBEARER**

Nehemiah 1:1-4; 2:11-18; 4:11-14

HIS STORY

- Why is prayer the best next step once we have a burden to act for God's glory and the good of others?
- What are some reasons people choose not to pray about their burdens and circumstances in life?
- What are some ways your strength and work as a student are connected to God and His gospel mission?
- How have you been encouraged by remembering the great and awe-inspiring Lord?
- What are the "wise" aspects you see in Nehemiah's response to the opposition he faced? What would have been an unwise response?



Essential Doctrine

Body of Christ | The New Testament describes the church as the body of Christ. The church lives and operates as Christ's representative here on earth, with Christ as its head (Col. 1:18). This means that the church is an extension of Christ's ministry, carrying out His work by fulfilling the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20). In addition, the picture of the church as the body of Christ shows us the interconnectedness of individual Christians, with each member dependent upon one another for growth and sanctification (1 Cor. 12).

MAIN POINT:

God calls us to lead in the strength He provides.

Christ Connection

Nehemiah led the people to join together to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem and protect the city from their enemies, but that protection was not permanent. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, He made a way for His people to be protected from the enemies of sin and death forever.

HEAD

- **What does this account in Nehemiah teach us about God's character?**
- **What are some ways the story of Nehemiah points to Jesus?**

HEART

- **What is the difference between humble confidence in God and confidence in ourselves?**
- **Why is confidence in God more helpful and satisfying than confidence in self?**

HANDS

- **How does this story challenge the perception that Christianity is merely a set of beliefs to be held and not a life to be lived?**
- **How does this story encourage us with the truth that God is with us as we seek to live out our Christian beliefs?**