

God wants us to fight for our families.

Nehemiah led the project to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem:

- How does this story of rebuilding encourage you for your own or your family's future?
- What part of the rebuilding process is God calling you to work on? What part are you supposed to let God work on?

We do not fight **alone**. We shouldn't fear **raising** our families today.

- How has God shown Himself to be faithful to your family?
- Can you share about a time when you 'knew that you knew' that God was with you?
- Who needs to hear this and be encouraged?

We can be **intentional** with our kids.

- Where do you 'make space' for your kids? (EX: go on a walk or watch a movie, play games, etc.)
- What did you look forward to doing with someone special when you were a kid?
- What kind of things do you want to intentionally instill in your kids, grandkids, or others?

Where are we **leading** our families?

- Was Sunday school or church a part of your experience when you were a child? If so, how frequently did you attend? What do you remember about that time?
- If that wasn't a part of your childhood experience: did you know other kids or families who attended church? What do you remember about their stories (VBS, Kids Camp, sports camp, etc.)?
- (Personal think about this for a while: Is it more important to you that one day your child will be considered successful (because of their education, profession, or income) or that they love and obey Jesus?
- What practical steps will be a part of your family lifestyle in the months and years ahead that will help them follow and serve Jesus?

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest Matthew 11:28