

WEEK 1

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

GOALS

We all have goals! Whether your goal is to raise your grades, learn a new skill, get TikTok famous, change the world, or all of the above, there are things you want to do, accomplish, and become. But let's be honest – it's not always easy to achieve our goals. Sometimes it's difficult to even know which goals to set in the first place! That's why, in this 4-week series, we'll explore the story of a guy with a seemingly impossible goal and the steps he took to make his goal a reality. His name is Nehemiah, and because of his example we can learn a lot about goal-setting, decision-making, leadership, and trusting God. Through Nehemiah's story, we'll see that **big difficulties** can inspire God-sized goals, **you are designed** for God-sized goals, God **gives us strength** to pursue God-sized goals, and God-sized goals require **God-sized gratitude**.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

Big difficulties can inspire God-sized goals.

THE BIBLE

Nehemiah 1:1-2:5; Mark 16:15

- What's your New Year's resolution?
- What's one goal you set but never accomplished? Why did your goal get side-tracked?
- Which is most difficult for you: setting goals or achieving your goals? What's difficult about it?
- What was Nehemiah's goal and why was it so important to him?
- How do you think prayer could help you set or achieve your goals?
- What are some examples of goals that benefit people other than ourselves?
- Read Mark 16:15. What "God-sized goal" does Jesus give us? What problems or difficulties are fixed when this goal is achieved?
- What's one "you-sized" goal you want to accomplish? What difficulties have inspired that goal?
- Do you have a "God-sized" goal you want to accomplish? What is it and what difficulties have inspired that goal?
- How can our group help you set or achieve a goal this week?