

# Small Group Curriculum

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*Week of 6/9/2013*

1. Spend the first several minutes sharing what your group members learned from working through their "Brick by Brick" books.
2. What single word best describes your prayer life? Why?
3. Pastor Derek said a prayerless life is a prideful life. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
4. Read Nehemiah 1:5-11.
5. In verse 5, Nehemiah opened his prayer by celebrating God's character. How can adoring God change the quality of our prayers?
6. Read verses 5-6 and 2 Chronicles 7:11-18. How did God's response to Solomon's prayer provide a template for Nehemiah in his current situation?
7. Why do you think Nehemiah went out of his way to associate himself with his countrymen's sinful behaviors?
8. In verses 8-10, Nehemiah reminds God of the promises he made to his people. In light of the fact that God has perfect recall, what do think was behind this?
9. In verse 11, Nehemiah finally makes his request. How easy or hard is it for you to ask for God's help?
10. Reread Nehemiah's prayers with an eye for what they reveal about his beliefs about God. What convictions come to the top? Think back to your prayer life. What do your prayers reveal about *your* prayer life?
11. Close your small group in a time of prayer using Nehemiah's prayer as a template.