

SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"NO STOPPING"— AUGUST 8 & 9

SERIES OVERVIEW:

Summer is a great time for a road trip. In this summer of new normals, we might not get an opportunity to take a physical road trip. But what if we took a road trip of faith? What can we learn from the journeys of followers of God who have gone before us?

*Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc.
Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.*

1

OPENING PRAYER:

About 1 minute

Ask for a volunteer from the group to open in prayer.

2

BIG IDEA:


About 10 seconds to read

The campground is an hour away. Hold it for a few more minutes. No stopping for hitchhikers. Those are phrases we might see or hear on a road trip. They urge us to press on, to not get distracted, to keep going. Sometimes we need those reminders in life too. How can we press on when everything is so distracting?

weekend message series

SUMMER ROAD TRIP


Faith on the Move



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So [Nehemiah] replied by sending this message to them: "I am engaged in a great work, so I can't come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?" - Nehemiah 6:3 NLT

Reflect 

Read the full passage in your Bible - Nehemiah 6:1-9.

What sticks out or grabs your attention from the scripture readings?

What lengths did Nehemiah's enemies go to in order to distract him?

How did Nehemiah respond to the lies and slander levied against him?

3

INTRO QUESTION(S):

About 15 minutes

Tell about a time on a road trip when you traveled straight through or skipped a stop or two. What was notable about not stopping and why was continuing on important?

4

SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION:

About 40–45 minutes

Read the entire scripture passage aloud as a group and discuss the questions on the card above. Use the [Discussion Help sidebar](#) to encourage deeper discussion.

See additional Scriptures and questions below as time permits:

How do you discern what God wants you to be doing? What typically distracts you from doing it? What helps you stay on course in doing God's will?

Read: Ephesians 2:8-10 As a new creation in Christ, what good things do you think He has planned for you to do this week? Where can you bring Jesus' hope and healing?



DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

Can you say more about that?

How have you seen that play out in your life?

What does that stir up in you?

Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?

What might God be inviting you to do?

5 LIVE IT OUT:

About 10 minutes

Read this section aloud. Invite the group to take the steps suggested. Discuss how you could live these out as an individual or a group in the next week to two weeks.

Pair up in two's or three's and share what you think God would say is the most important thing in your life this week. Share one distraction you may have. Pray for each other using the prayer prompts below.

TAKE IT DEEPER

 WORSHIP  GROW  SERVE  REACH

Live It Out

Spend some time thinking about and asking God about what he would have be the most important thing in your life this week. What distracts you from that thing? What would help you say no to that distraction?

Pray

Talk to God about what's stirring in your heart from the scriptures. Listen for his response.

Nehemiah prayed, "Now strengthen my hands." What area of your life do you need God's strength today/this week? Ask him now.

Thank God for all the times he's helped you, strengthened you, and kept you going.

6

CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:

About 10 minutes

Read the prayer section on the card aloud, and take a moment of silence for each person to reflect on the prayer prompt personally. Pray in two's or three's. You may use the format below praying aloud for the areas discussed in the "Live It Out" section above.

"Dear Jesus, Thank You for giving me the free gift of salvation. Help me to know Your will for my life each and every day. Grant me wisdom and strength to share Your mercy and goodness with those around me. I especially offer this person/situation to you now.... Help me not be distracted from the important assignments you have given me to do. Amen."