

WEEK 4

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

God-sized goals require
God-sized gratitude.

THE BIBLE

Nehemiah 8, 9:5-31, 10:28-39, 12:27,
13:19-21; I Thessalonians 5:18

- **Let's celebrate! What have you achieved recently?**
- **Tell us about something you've achieved that wouldn't have been possible without the help of other people.**
- **Beyond our words, what are some creative ways we say "thank you" to each other?**
- **What's one way Nehemiah expressed gratitude that you think we can all learn from?**
- **When is it most difficult for you to be grateful? What are some things we can be grateful for even when things don't turn out the way we we'd hoped?**
- **Read I Thessalonians 5:18. Do you think ungrateful people can become grateful people? If so, how?**
- **What do you need to thank God for today? What do you need to thank someone else for today?**
- **How often do you think you fail to notice, or give credit for, something God has done? How can we learn to do this more often?**
- **What's one way you can show God gratitude through your actions (and not just your words) this week?**
- **What's one "God-sized" goal you're still working on? How can our group help you with that goal moving forward?**