



## Better Future

### WEEK 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### Overview

In the third message of our *Better* series, we will unfold a three-part plan that will prepare us for a brighter future.

#### Discussion Questions

**Nehemiah 4:14** says, **And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.”**

This generation needs us to fight for them. We can have the same passion for this generation as Nehemiah had and make a difference in their lives today.

#### Three Ways to Engage in this Generation

**1. Pray for this generation.**

- Pray for them to revere and honor God. **Proverbs 1:7** says, **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.**
- Pray for them to be surrounded with divine favor. When they know God is involved in their life, in a way they never earned, they will love Him. **Psalms 5:12** says, **For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield.**
- Pray for godly friends and influences. **Proverbs 27:17** says, **As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.**

- Why is it important for us to pray for this generation?
- Who can you specifically be praying for in the next generation?

## 2. **Prioritize church.**

**Luke 4:16** shows us that Jesus prioritized attending church regularly: **So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.**

- What are the benefits of attending church consistently?
- How can encouragement of consistent church attendance affect the next generation?

## 3. **Partner in the development of the younger generation.**

**2 Timothy 3:14** Paul says to the man he was mentoring: **But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,** Take what you have learned and pass it on. Be an example to them, be available for them, and be positive about them.

- Give an example of something you can pass on to the next generation?
- How can we be more available?
- What can we do to be more involved?

## Life Challenge

Spend time in prayer about how you need to be involved in reaching the next generation. This could be through serving, giving, discipleship, setting time aside to pray specifically for them, and many other ways to reach them. Ask God how He wants you to be involved.

## Prayer

*Thank you, Jesus, for Your love for us and this generation. We pray that every child, student, and young adult is touched by You. Guide them in everything they do, and comfort them when they are weary. Give us wisdom and strategies on how we can better reach them and become more involved. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.*