

# Teaching Tips

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Bible Study Guide 11

## Words You Should Know

**A. Pool** (Nehemiah 2:14) *berekah* (Heb.)—A reservoir at which camels kneel as a resting place

**B. Reproach** (v. 17) *kherpah* (Heb.)—Disgrace or shame; a cause or occasion of blame, discredit, or disgrace

**C. Portion** (v. 20) *kheleq* (Heb.)—An inheritance; a tract of land

## Teacher Preparation

**Teacher Preparation Unifying Principle—Initiating Renewal.** People are often contemplative before they make major decisions. How does one or should one react after careful consideration of a major decision? Nehemiah set out to rebuild Jerusalem's wall after praying and surveying its ruins.

**A.** Read the Bible Background and Devotional Reading.

**B.** Pray for your students and lesson clarity.

**C.** Read the lesson Scripture in multiple translations.

## O—Open the Lesson

**A.** Begin the class with prayer.

**B.** Review practices of your congregation that provide for the security of the church grounds and of worshipers. Discuss when security preparations cross the line from prudent to indicating a lack of faith (see Ezra 8:22).

**C.** Have the students read the Aim for Change and the In Focus story.

**D.** Ask students how events like those in the story weigh on their hearts and how they can view these events from a faith perspective.

## P—Present the Scriptures

**A.** Read the Focal Verses and discuss the Background and The People, Places, and Times sections.

**B.** Have the class share what Scriptures stand out for them and why, with particular emphasis on today's themes.

## E—Explore the Meaning

**A.** Use In Depth or More Light on the Text to facilitate a deeper discussion of the lesson text.

**B.** Pose the questions in Search the Scriptures and Discuss the Meaning.

**C.** Discuss the Liberating Lesson and Application for Activation sections.

## N—Next Steps for Application

**A.** Summarize the value of balancing secular and sacred concerns.

**B.** End class with a commitment to pray for the safety of your church's operation in a secular society.