Discussion Guide: Small Group Questions – Relationships and Reforms

Opening Reflection
1. Read Nehemiah 13:23–24. What stands out to you about the issue Nehemiah discovered regarding marriages and the children's language? Why was this so concerning?

The Danger of Compromise
2. Nehemiah saw that compromise in relationships was affecting the next generation. In what ways have you seen compromise—whether in faith, values, or priorities—affect children, families, or even churches?
3. John Wesley said, "What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace." Where do you see that principle playing out in today's culture? Where might it be true in your own family or spiritual walk?
4. Nehemiah's response was very strong (v. 25). Why do you think he reacted so firmly? What does this teach us about the seriousness of compromise and sin?

The Example of Solomon
5. In verse 26 Nehemiah points back to Solomon, a man greatly blessed by God, yet led astray through relationships. What warnings can we take from Solomon's example?
6. Have you ever seen someone slowly drift from faith because of the relationships or influences they allowed into their life? What can we learn from that?
7. On the flip side, how have godly relationships (friendships, mentors, marriage, community) kept you closer to the Lord?

The Reform After Compromise
8. Read Nehemiah 13:29–31. Nehemiah prays, "Remember them…Remember me." Why do you think he ends his book this way? What does this show about his heart before God?
9. Think about your own life: where do you need to ask God to help you guard against compromise? Where do you need to ask Him to "remember you for good"?

Group Prayer Time
• Thank God for His faithfulness, even when His people drift.
• Pray for wisdom to recognize and root out compromise in our lives.
• Ask God to protect the next generation from being swept away by false gods and worldly influences.
• Pray for strength to be faithful, attentive, and steadfast until the end.