

7TH & 8TH GRADE BOYS BIBLE

The Old Testament is full of great stories. As we delve into all the books, we learn about great leaders, one of whom we have just finished reading about—Nehemiah. The book of Nehemiah was very helpful and relatable for the boys. As a Next Generation Pastor, Pastor Gian loves how God can use him to help these boys grow in their relationship with Christ and also apply the Bible to their daily lives.

Nehemiah teaches us the great qualities of a leader. In our books, we were able to identify the qualities of a good leader that Nehemiah displayed. This was helpful for the boys to see that a leader possesses many great qualities, such as being an encourager, planner, coordinator, warrior, servant, and friend of the weak.

The boys were able to identify with two of the six qualities of a leader. The world often deceives these children by suggesting that they are not leaders because they don't fit a certain criteria or have a particular characteristic. Nehemiah shows us that there are many qualities of a leader.

While hearing the boys' answers, Pastor Gian was able to see how they view themselves along with how their peers view them as well. Through this practice, one of the most rewarding things that Pastor Gian didn't intend to happen but did, was that the boys were all encouraging and being helpful to point out the qualities of their peers.

"Learning about the qualities of a leader in the story of Nehemiah has helped me realize that I am a leader by being a servant and a great friend. It helps me learn how to serve them and be a better friend to them, especially through hard times."

-Riley Herget



"In order to have a good relationship with other people, you should always seek God first, and he will direct you."

-Jonah Flett

"Nehemiah has shown me I'm a leader amongst my peers by the way I am a friend."

-Marcos Jeen

