

Walls and Breakthroughs!
A Personal and Small Group Experience

Spend some time thinking about and talking about the whole idea of Walls that was discussed in the message this week.

Is WALLS a good metaphor for you when it comes to those things that block, blind, separate etc. from God's best for you? Why or why not?

How about on a social level? What kind of walls do you see that blind, block and separate people from one another historically and now? Name those walls and talk about them in detail if you can.

What about WALLS that Christians deal with? What walls does society have when they think about Christians in general? What walls do Christians deal with when thinking about society in general?

Lets get a little closer to home.

Think and then share about (anonymously) one or two people that you know well and care about (but are not in your group) that you know struggle with Walls especially Walls in their own heart. It could be Walls with God, with others family members, with friends. Name their Walls—try to get to the essence of their issues from your understanding of them and their situation. You are doing this in compassion not as a form of gossip—remember its anonymous. Later on you can pray for them but the real reason we are doing this is because it is easier to see these things in others before ourselves.

Now what if someone who knows you really, really well were doing the above exercise in a group sometime and you were the one they were describing. What WALLS would they be saying you struggle with? What is at the heart of these WALLS?

Now lets see the WALLBREAKER in action. Jesus constantly encountered WALLS and constantly led people to deal with those WALLS through faith in Him. Talk about the WALLS you see and how Jesus both challenges and leads the people involved.

Mark 2:1-17, Luke 5:25-37, John 4:1-26

Spend some time praying prayers surrendering you WALLS.

Walls?...Walls?...What Walls?

“Connecting With God” Weekly Guide

This booklet is a resource to help you “Connect with God” this week. He deeply desires ongoing personal connection with you. You are that important to Him.

This Page has some scripture verses for you to meditate on each day this week. Notice the helpful hints section – these are great things to consider when personally engaging with God through His Word.

The Center Pages contain the notes and outline for the message given on Sunday. The message is also available as an audio download from www.pointofgracechurch.org

The Back Page has a study written specifically for a small group of people (or an individual) to drill down deeper into a particular aspect of the week's theme. Small groups can review memorable points of the week's message and then work through the study concluding with a time of prayer.

Scripture & Meditation Guide - September 19-24

Helpful Hints:

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart and offload your heart of stifling, burdens, guilt, worry etc.!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on “words and phrases” which grab your heart's attention. As you read and reread keep asking God, “What do You want me to hear?” “Why this word at this time?” “How are You inviting me to respond? Keep talking it over with Him—chew!
- 4) Pray (and journal) everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!

Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him

Notice the “Walls” in these readings and the faith breakthroughs you see!

Monday: Romans 5:1-11

Tuesday: John 4:1-26

Wednesday: John 9:1-12

Thursday: John 4:14-30

Friday: Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: Mark 3:1-6