



September 24th Discussion Guide

Compelling Focus- Nehemiah 4 & 6

This is a 6 week study from the Book of Nehemiah. Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

Icebreaker (10 min)

What are some traditions you have as the weather turns cool and leaves change?



Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Nehemiah 2:19, 4:1-3, 7-8, 10-12, 6:1-2, 3-7, 10-13
 - a. What do all these passages have in common?
 - b. List all the opposition Nehemiah was facing. What was true and what was false?
 - c. Read Nehemiah 2:12 to be reminded why Nehemiah was rebuilding the wall.
 - d. Has God ever put an assignment on your heart and you received opposition when you tried to accomplish the work? Share your experience with the group.
2. Read these verses and discuss what Nehemiah did to combat the opposition:
 - a. 2:20, 4:4-6, 9, 14 Where did Nehemiah focus his attention in these verses?
 - b. 4:9, 13-23, 6:8-9 What did Nehemiah do in these verses? List the ways he supported, connected, and communicated with his team.
3. Nehemiah prayed and planned while surrounded by threats, discouragement, and opposition.
 - a. What do you do to stay positive and focused in this kind of situation?
 - b. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. Who is our struggle really against?
 - c. What do you need to put on the Armor of God against lately?
4. Read Nehemiah 6:15-16.
 - a. What was the outcome after all the opposition?
 - b. What was the benefit of Nehemiah and his team's perseverance?
 - c. How has God, or can God, be glorified in your past or current struggle?

Application question: The enemy does not want to see God glorified in whatever God has put upon your heart to do. What action will you take this week to pray and plan while doing glorifying work for God? It took Nehemiah's team 52 days to rebuild the Jerusalem walls. Don't forget about the 4 practical ways to apply the message of Nehemiah as a Church: Pray, Read, Sponsor, Serve!

LORD, we want to glorify You, but we face opposition from our enemies. Show us how to focus on You to stay strengthened, and give us wisdom on how to battle while we work. Put on us Your Armor so we are protected. Help us finish Your work so our opposition will see it was all possible because of You!

