

Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 6 Nehemiah 6-7 – Oct. 10, 2021

Helpful Resources

Check out one or more of these helpful overview videos of Nehemiah: 1) <u>https://bit.ly/1Nehemiah;</u> 2) <u>https://bit.ly/2Nehemiah;</u> 3) <u>https://bit.ly/3Nehemiah3</u>. Be Determined by Warren Wiersbe - <u>https://bit.ly/DeterminedBe</u> Nehemiah: LifeGuide Bible Studies by Don Fields - <u>https://bit.ly/DonFields</u>

Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!



- Do you think of yourself as a focused person or a distractible person? Why? If you don't know, who might be able to tell you?
- When you are concentrating or trying to relax, what is something you find annoying, distracting, or irritating?
- Distractions can come from internal and/or external sources. What "good things" might be distracting you in your own life?
- What things, thoughts or people consume most of your attention throughout your day? How do you react to the distraction of 'good things'?
- Have you ever had a situation where you knew that God being at work in and through you was the only explanation for how that situation turned out? Share your experience with your group.
- What is something that you have accomplished that took many months to finish? Did you ever want to quit? What caused you to keep going?



- Read Quote: "Sometimes 'good things' can be one of Satan's greatest tools to distract us from the work God has for us". What do you think this statement means?
- Think about some of the challenges you are currently facing. How do these scriptures encourage you? *Galatians 6:9*; *Isaiah 41:10*; *Matthew 6:31–34*; *Psalm 94:18–19*
- How did Nehemiah's enemies attempt to distract him from the work? What does the persistence of his emeries teach us about our enemy? Read Nehemiah 6:9. What was Nehemiah's response to his enemies?
- Fear can be a very powerful tool of the enemy. How does the enemy try and use fear to distract Nehemiah? How does fear often work hand-in-hand with the lies of the enemy?
- What do we learn from Nehemiah in this chapter about overcoming opposition and distraction?
- What does this passage teach us about God's heart?

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- Is there a mission or task God has you on right now that you feel like you don't have the ability or energy to complete? Share that with your group and pray Nehemiah 6:9 over each other that God would "strengthen your hands for the work".
- Think about the attributes and character of God if it helps, google "attributes of God" to find a list. As you think or read over these characteristics, pick out two or three that you need to be most evidenced in your life right now. Pray and ask God to show himself in your life specifically in these ways.
- How have you seen the enemy use distractions as a way of hindering the work God has called us to?
- What distractions does the enemy use to pull your focus away from what God is calling you to?
- How can you be an encouragement to others who are doing God's work and facing opposition?