

Nehemiah: The Heart of a Builder
“Do Not Be Afraid...Remember the Lord”
Nehemiah 4

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WHEN FACING OPPOSITION AND DISCOURAGEMENT

Ridicule causing doubt (1-3)

Response: Prayer & Perseverance (4-6)

Threat causing fear (7-8)

Response: Prayer & Common Sense (9)

Discouragement causing hopelessness (10-12)

DEALING WITH OPPOSITION AND DISCOURAGEMENT

Recognize our weakness / guard the weak points (13)

Remember the Lord who is great and awesome (14)

Ready ourselves against the Enemy (15-18)

Realize we cannot fight alone (19-23)

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Questions for personal or small group study and reflection:

1. What are some weaknesses, doubts, fears in your life? How may you be able to guard these weak points?
2. Have you ever felt like giving up because of opposition/discouragement? If so, what were the circumstances, and how did you deal with them? Did you persevere?
3. How did Nehemiah respond to opposition and threats? Who/what do you turn to in times of discouragement?
4. When you “Remember the Lord,” what situations come to mind that reveals His greatness and awesomeness?
5. The people were equipped with spears, shields, bows, armour. How might we equip ourselves to fight in this spiritual battle that we are engaged in? What are our weapons and how do we use them? (Eph. 6:10-18)
6. How do we practically rally to thwart attacks on the church body? Where do we get our courage/strength? How does this affect our understanding of community?
7. What has God laid upon your heart to rebuild for Him? How can you best defend/protect what He’s rebuilding?
8. Think of an area where you're struggling w/ opposition and discouragement. Journal about how you can trust the Lord in this area and make a plan of action to over-come it. Share your plan with a trusted friend. Pray.