



1. Opening

Purpose for Digs and Prayer (1 min)

Digs gather to study, pray, and apply the Word of God to our lives. Our hope is that we would increase in our love for God, love for one another, and tell others about Him (Matt 22:37-40; Matt 28:19-20).

Weekly Christian Formation (5 min)

Question 5* How can we glorify God?

Answer: We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

Scripture Reference: Deuteronomy 11:1

What does this mean? How does it impact our lives?

Recap (5 min)

Recap the last time your Dig Group gathered. How did you apply God's Word over the last week(s)?

2. Bible Study August 30th (30-45 minutes)

*Read the passage aloud together.

*Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage.

Scripture Reference: Nehemiah 4

1. Who are Sanballat and Tobiah and when did we see them already? What do they represent in the story of Nehemiah?
2. How does the ridicule from Sanballat and Tobiah affect the morale of the Jews?
3. How does Nehemiah's response to opposition illustrate the power of prayer in handling ridicule and mockery? What role does prayer play in Nehemiah's leadership style?

4. Nehemiah prays an imprecatory prayer (a prayer that asks God to bring judgment, calamity, or divine justice down upon one's enemies or wrongdoers) in this chapter. Is it appropriate for us today to pray imprecatory prayers? When is it appropriate and how do we do it well if so in light of the gospel?
5. How does that concept of "work with one hand, hold a weapon with the other" translate into modern-day living?
6. How can you apply Nehemiah's strategy of vigilance and preparedness in your own life when facing challenges? Literally... What steps/routines/boundaries/disciplines can be applied in your life going forward?
7. How does Nehemiah maintain a balance between spiritual dependence on God and practical preparedness?

3. Confession and Prayer (30-45 minutes)

*Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.

*Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people. Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism