"Resilience to Finish Well" – Nehemiah 6-7.4 *Rebuild: A Study of Nehemiah* Discussion Questions

- Introduction
 - Has your GPS ever given you the wrong directions?
 - \circ Share about a time when you've gotten lost on the road.
- **Open up to Nehemiah 6.** (You may choose to read the whole passage aloud or simply look at it as you discuss the following questions)
 - Why were Sanballat and Geshem trying to meet with Nehemiah? How does Nehemiah respond?
 - What temptations do you encounter that seek to distract you from following God and engaging in his mission? How do you respond?
 - Have you had an experience when people are spreading false rumors or purposely misrepresenting your motives? How should we respond to such people?
 - **Read 6:10, 17-19**. What is surprising about the source of the temptations in these verses?
 - Have you encountered other Christians who have sought to do you harm or tempted you to sin? How should we respond in these situations?
- Read Hebrew 4:15-16.
 - \circ What does this passage teach us about Jesus?
 - \circ $\,$ How should we respond when we give in to temptation?
 - How is Jesus the "better Nehemiah"?
- Application & Reflection
 - What sin struggles does this passage bring up for you?
 - How does remembering your gospel identity help us to resist temptation? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in resisting temptation?
 - How can this small group pray for you and hold you accountable?