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**Nehemiah 6:15-7:5: 52 Days to Repair the Wall**

Where was Nehemiah born and raised?

Why did he come to Jerusalem?

How has the task of building the wall gone so far?

*So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.*

Archaeological Evidence of Nehemiah's Wall...





Persian Pottery found in the wall...



And buried dogs...

How did the enemies respond when they heard the wall was completed?

*Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. (1 Peter 2:12)*

*A finished project for our GREAT GOD does not mean an easy walk home. [verses 17-18] Those who stand to lead with GOD, will always have the Enemy of our souls and his helpers and followers after us... with the hope of dissuading us from taking the next step with GOD. (Study Team)*

Who is Tobiah?

*Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, “What they are building—even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!” (Nehemiah 4:13)*

Why did he continue to be a problem for Nehemiah?

What steps did Nehemiah take to get people to move into the newly walled city?

### **Applications:**

Some lessons from Nehemiah (chapters 1-7) for us today:

1. Believe the truth that GOD has called you to an important mission.
2. Seek to keep in step with the HOLY SPIRIT through prayer.
3. Know that GOD is keeping HIS promise to always be with HIS people.

*...because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God. (Nehemiah 6:16)*

4. Expect persistent, obvious, subtle, & insidious/ sneaky/secret opposition when you try to obey God.
5. Remember that GOD’s people are the ultimate target of the enemy for destruction and not just the disruption of the mission. [don’t be disqualified for ministry]

*Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.  
(1 Corinthians 9:26-27)*

6. Surround yourself with others who want to serve God.

# HOME GROUP Questions ...

1. Discuss what important mission God has called all believers to. In this season of your life, what does that look like? How are you living that out?
2. How would you rate your prayer life on a scale of 1-5? Why did you give yourself that rating?
3. Describe a time that you felt that God was with you through a difficult adventure. Do you sense his presence now? Do you know anyone who seems to walk in step with the Spirit? What about their life makes you think this?
4. How are we to counteract the enemies' schemes? (Check out James 4:4-10)
5. Brainstorm ways people can keep themselves from being disqualified for ministry.
6. Name two encouraging people in your walk with Christ right now. How can you encourage someone this week?