



SMALL GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | FEBRUARY 8TH

1. In Nehemiah 4:1-3, opposition comes quickly and loudly through ridicule and discouragement. What specific tactics do Sanballat and Tobiah use, and what do they seem to be aiming at beneath the surface? What does this reveal about how opposition often works when God's people step out in obedience?
2. In verses 4-6, Nehemiah's response is prayer followed by continued work. What do you notice about how Nehemiah prays, and how that prayer shapes the people's resolve to keep building? Why do you think prayer and perseverance are paired so closely here?
3. In verses 7-14, the threat escalates from mockery to potential violence. How does Nehemiah address both the spiritual fear and the practical danger facing the people? What stands out to you about his call to "remember the Lord, who is great and awesome"?
4. Jon talked about opposition being almost inevitable when God's work is moving forward. Where have you experienced discouragement, fear, or resistance when trying to rebuild something God cares about in your life?
5. Nehemiah leads God's people to remember the Lord in the face of opposition. How does Jesus ultimately fulfill this role as the One who stands in the gap for us, fights for us, and secures our victory? How does that reality change the way you respond to opposition or discouragement right now?