

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM MAY 25/26 SERMON**

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- 1. Take some time to discuss the Harrison Butker commencement address and the responses discussed in the sermon. What are your thoughts regarding what Butker said and how people responded?
- 2. Read Nehemiah 6:15-16. Nehemiah's enemies knew that the wall could be completed in only fifty-two days because God had helped Israel in an extraordinary way. Share a time you have experienced God's extraordinary work in your life. What did you learn about God through that experience?
- 3. Read Nehemiah 6:17-19. The internal conspiracy against Nehemiah reminds us that the enemy is always at work. Here, he used materialism and secularism to partner with the Jews in order to get to Nehemiah. We would all agree that the enemy is always at work. What are some things he uses today to infiltrate the lives of believers?
- 4. Read 1 Peter 5:8. How can believers be "sober-minded" and "watchful"?
- 5. Read <u>Nehemiah 7:1-4</u>. Discuss the great measures Nehemiah goes to ensure the city's protection. Why did he not allow the gates to be opened until the "sun is hot"?
- 6. The list in <u>Nehemiah 7</u> is repeated from <u>Ezra 2</u>. Why is this list important enough to be repeated?
- 7. Read the summary of the list in <u>Nehemiah 7:66-73</u>. In addition to returning to Jerusalem, these people funded the rebuilding of the Temple. Again, why would these numbers be important to include?
- 8. One of our points in the sermon was to be sure you make "the list." What can you do today to make sure your light continues to shine after you are gone?

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