VALLEYS & VICTORIES SERMON SERIES



WEEK 3 THE VALLEY OF OPPOSITION

LAS LOMAS COMMUNITY CHURCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY WWW.LASLOMASCC.COM

Before the Bible study,

 Please watch/listen to last Sunday's message at laslomascc.com/media

What's one thing about this week's message that stood out to you as something you needed to hear OR a question you had about the message?



MAIN POINTS FROM THE SERMON

First thing we need to do is ...

• UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF OPPOSITION

We then need to ...

- **RESPOND TO THE OPPOSITION**
- REALIZE THE REALITY OF FEAR AND DOUBT

God gives us a ...

STRATEGY FOR OVERCOMING OPPOSITION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

<u>Understanding the Nature of Opposition</u>

- Why do you think opposition arose as the walls were rebuilt in Jerusalem?
 - How does opposition often arise when God's work advances? (2 Timothy 3:12)
- What are some examples of opposition believers face today for following Jesus?

What forms does this opposition take? (John 15:18–21)

The Response to Opposition

• Why is it important to respond to opposition both through prover and wise preparation/action?

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- What is the danger of emphasizing one without the other? (Nehemiah 4:9, Ephesians 6:18, Proverbs 21:31)
- How have you sought to keep this balance in seasons of opposition?
 - What helps you avoid responding out of fear versus faith? (2 Timothy 1:7)

Overcoming Opposition

- What stands out about Nehemiah's strategy for overcoming opposition?
 - Why was unity and community so key? (Ecclesiastes 4:9–12)
- How have other believers helped encourage you amidst opposition?
 - What does it look like for us to spur each other on



LIVING IT OUT SECTION

This week as you think about opposition in your life, answer and apply the following:

- What specific opposition are you currently facing where you need to remember God's power and presence? (2 Thessalonians 3:2–3)
- What encouragement from this passage do you want to hold onto this week and how will you apply it? (Joshua 1:9)
- How can the church body support and strengthen you when opposition arises in your life? (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
- Spend time praying daily, asking God for courage, unity, and perspective while in opposition. Thank Him that His purposes ultimately prevail when we walk in faith and obedience.



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