



NEHEMIAH

Christ will build his Church

7 Threats to the Church – Nehemiah 6-7:4

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As Christchurch seeks to be a church 'together to make Christ known to all' its people will know threats of various kind from every angle.

In this message from Nehemiah 6, Lewis Roderick shows us 7 threats we may experience and invites us to pray that Jesus, who faced every threat and more, would 'strengthen our hand'.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Which of these 7 threats are you most susceptible to? Can you think of any others? How might they hinder you in playing your part in building Christ's church?
- Do you know any church leaders who have been struck? How did this affect their congregations? Stop and pray for them and the church.
- Lewis said 'some of us are tempted to think that we're inheriting a finished house. We're not. We've been given a building site with a gospel foundation laid!' Did this resonate with you? If so, why?
- What role can you play in building Christ's church? What do others say are the gifts Christ has given you for the sake of his people? Don't be scared to ask.
- Take a listen to this song by the Gettys. Let it inspire you to pray and play your part in 'the task unfinished'.

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