



NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 6 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

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- Opening Prayer
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Tell the Story

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Read the Story (Nehemiah 6:1-19)

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Breaking it Down

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Nehemiah 6:1-4

- Why is it even significant that word about the work and completion of the wall spread to Nehemiah and his people's enemies?
 - The faith and work of Nehemiah and his people in rebuilding the wall had substance to it because God was leading the charge. Their faith and work weren't about saying the right things but actually about being men and women of action. As a result, people heard about this work, saw this work, their faith, and most importantly, God's work spread, even to their enemies.

- Would you characterize your own faith as consistently spreading to the people around you? Why or why not?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
- What did Nehemiah know that caused him to reject meeting with his enemies four different times?
 - Nehemiah knew the importance of the work that God had given him. He wasn't so much focused on the opposition/resistance to the work but actually on the work itself. He also knew that the opposition/resistance were simply distractions and that was it.
 - What do you need to remember when opposition and resistance come as a result of your walk with God?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - Based upon Nehemiah's response, how would you evaluate how you're doing when it comes to dealing with opposition/resistance as a result of your faith? What is going well? In what areas do you need to improve?
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Nehemiah 6:5-9

- Notice that Sanballat and his crew are absolutely relentless in their opposition to Nehemiah and the people who are building the wall. If one way doesn't work, they try something else. Not only do they gossip about them and the work, they also slander them and the work. Why did Nehemiah respond to the gossip and slander in verse 8?
 - Nehemiah understood that gossip and slander were divisive, but he also understood that they were destructive, and he sought to deal with those things directly and boldly pointing to the actual truth.
 - In what ways have you ever been like Nehemiah's enemies, gossiping and slandering the work of God or the people of God?

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- In what ways have you ever been slandered or gossiped about because of your faith in God? Would you say that you handled it with grace, truth, courage and love? Why or why not?
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Nehemiah 6:10-15

- Notice what happened at the end of verse 9 that led to Nehemiah's discernment in verses 10-14.
 - In what ways do you more fully need to seek after God's discernment rather than your own wisdom and solutions?
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- Why is the 52 days that it took Nehemiah and his people to rebuild the wall significant?
 - This was no small wall and no small feat. Consider that this was a full wall around Jerusalem with gates and towers that were built not by skilled craftsmen only but mainly by volunteer laborers. The fact that it only took 52 days indicates what God among His people can do when they are willing to follow Him and work with each other.
 - What great things have you been able to be a part of and/or witness at RCC because people have been willing to follow God and work with each other?
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Nehemiah 6:16-19

- Why don't you think Nehemiah's enemies were partially silenced and not fully silenced with the completion of the wall?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
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Closing & Prayer Requests

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