

NEHEMIAH #6 – REBUILDING BROKENNESS

Stand Firm

Small Group Questions

1. Read Nehemiah 6:1-4
2. What spurred this new intensified opposition?
3. What plan did Sanballat and his co-conspirators come up with? How did Nehemiah respond to them?
4. How many times did they attempt to distract him? What lessons can we learn from this about temptation?
5. Read Nehemiah 6:5-9
6. After the first 4 letters to Nehemiah failed to distract him, what new plot did they try? What is an open letter?
7. How is this different from their previous accusations that they had made?
8. How might Sanballat have expected the Jews to respond? How did Nehemiah respond to this gossip?
9. When people gossip, slander, or accuse us how should we respond?
10. Read Nehemiah 6:10-14
11. What was Shemaiah's position? What "help" did he offer Nehemiah? What was the problem with his suggestion?
12. Why did Nehemiah refuse to go into the temple? How do you think Nehemiah "perceived" that the prophet was not speaking from God?
13. How can we know when believers around us give good advice and when they give bad advice?
14. Read Nehemiah 6:15-19
15. What amazing fact is reported in verse 15? How was this possible?
16. Who realized that it was God's help that allowed them to finish this great task so quickly?