



Week #4 in The Book of Nehemiah

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## Coming Together

- What is a life goal you have been pursuing? What are some of the obstacles you have faced along the way to completing the goal?
- How do you stay motivated when life, a project, or a relationship gets challenging?

## Growing in Our Understanding

1. Read Nehemiah 4:1-15.
  - What is the task Nehemiah and the people of Jerusalem are trying to accomplish?
  - Who is trying to oppose this work?
  - What strategies do they deploy to distract the people from getting the work done (see Neh 4:1, 8, 11)?
2. Read Nehemiah 4:15-23. How does Nehemiah end up organizing the workers to finish the project? What new difficulties can you see with this change in strategy?

3. Read Nehemiah 4:4-5. What is one of the first steps Nehemiah takes as a leader to handle opposition?

## Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles

1. What are some of the main reasons people get discouraged? How do you get remotivated?
2. The project in Jerusalem seems to reach a peak of discouragement when the work is half done (Nehemiah 4:13-15). How does Nehemiah attempt to motivate the work to continue? What can we learn from this?
3. After reading and studying Nehemiah 4, what is the most critical leadership principle you have learned from this chapter?

## Deepening Our Hearts for God

- Is there any area of your life right now where there is “too much rubble” (Neh 4:10) that it makes it a bit overwhelming?
- Why do you think Nehemiah is so willing to turn to God and ask for help (Neh 1:11, 2:4, 8; 4:4)? Why does it seem so hard for us sometimes to do the same?

## Looking Ahead

Read Nehemiah 5:1-13. What principles of conflict resolution can we find in the verses?