



## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

# Dealing with Opposition

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### ICEBREAKERS

How is your yard looking after the freeze?  
How would you define opposition?

### READ

Nehemiah 2:10 and 19

### QUESTION

- Who are these people today? Where do they come from? What are their issues?  
(Don't like us for some reason, want us to fail or look foolish, threatened by us, insecure...)

## READ

Nehemiah 4:1-3

## QUESTION:

- What forms of attack do they use?  
(Mockery, question our intelligence, motives, plans, resources, sarcasm, shaming, etc.)

## READ

Nehemiah 4:4-6

## QUESTIONS:

- How does Nehemiah pray?  
(honest with God, states how he feels)
- Why is this a "healthy" way to pray?  
(God already knows, leaves the response to God, keeps feelings from festering inside you which leads to poor choices going forward)

## READ

Nehemiah 4:7-10

## QUESTIONS

- What other source of discouragement has been introduced?  
(Inner voice)
- What discouraging messages can the inner voice send? (Am I sure, am I good/smart, capable enough, what if I fail?)

## READ

Nehemiah 4:16-20

## QUESTIONS

- What would you say Nehemiah's blueprint was for facing and overcoming discouragement?  
(Pray, plan , press on)
- How is having a strategy helpful?  
(Discouragement doesn't sit idle – drags you down – can go all the way to despair, hopelessness, depression, paralysis, lack of joy, impact relationships)
- In what area of your life do you battle discouragement?
- What is helpful from Nehemiah's experience and response in facing your current battle?  
(He will fight for us, He is with us, pray, keep moving forward, plan, press on...)

## PRAYER

Try having people share their prayer request with one other person in the group who will pray for them this week. If you are online, have them text their request to that person and challenge them to follow up.