

Homegroup Questions – Nehemiah 4: Facing Obstacles

Icebreaker

Option 1: Design an obstacle course in your meeting space and see who can get through it the fastest

Option 2: Talk about pets – what are the obstacles or difficulties we can be faced with when having a pet?

Option 3: How do you react when faced with an unexpected obstacle?

In this session we're looking at how Nehemiah faced obstacles when trying to build a wall

PRAY

Study

Read Nehemiah 4

1. Look at verses 1-3. How might you react if Sanballat and Tobiah were asking these types of questions about a project you were working on?
2. Look at verses 4-6. How did God's people respond? (Prayer, left them to God to deal with, persistence)
3. The plotting of Sanballat and Tobiah continued, so how did the Israelites respond in verse 9? (posted a guard day and night)
4. What can we learn from this? When we're faced with opposition or criticism, how can we put a guard up in our own lives? (Accountability, remembering God's promises to us, seek wise counsel, remember the importance of the task God has given us)
5. Look at verses 10-13. The people are feeling worn out. What sort of things can happen when we start to feel worn out by opposition?
6. Ask someone to read what Nehemiah says in verse 14. Invite the group to quietly reflect on what he says.
7. In a time of criticism, Nehemiah encourages the Israelites to focus on God and protect their families? What do you think could we learn from this today?
8. Look at verse 16. Encourage the group to try and picture this scene. Today, in what can we do to work for God's kingdom and protect each other as we do so? (Prayer)

Spend some time praying for each other's needs, praying for God's protection in each of these situations.