

Nehemiah 6:1-9

1. Opportunity

Nehemiah 1:3-4

When God opens our eyes to see an opportunity, he'll open the door to accomplish it.

2. Opposition

Instead of fighting the opposition, stay focused on the opportunity.

Nehemiah 6:9 (NIV)

3. Overcome

Romans 12:3-6a

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Review:

When God makes a way to begin the work, he will be faithful to make a way to finish it.

Open Up:

Which do you prefer: building something new or rebuilding something to be new?

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Read 2 Cor. 4:17 and Romans 12:2. What is the offer in these verses? How would that affect our daily lives?
- ▶ What are some types of "walls" that we may be called to rebuild?
- ▶ What kinds of opposition distract people from finishing the work?
- ▶ Billy Graham said, "If Christianity is valid, why is there so much evil in the world? With so much soap, why are there so many dirty people in the world? Christianity, like soap, must be personally applied if it is to make a difference in our lives." Why is it significant to move from affirming a concern to embracing a calling?
- ▶ Read Nehemiah 6:9 (NIV). What would be a more common response to the distractions Nehemiah received?

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Do you already have a "wall" you are working on? If so, what will it take to remain focused on the opportunity?

If you don't already have a "wall," how will you choose? What will be your first step?

Pray:

Pray that together we would offer transformed living to a watching world.