

RISE UP & BUILD

A SERIES ON THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 6

WELCOME.

WORSHIP.

Sing: *HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD*

WORD.

Introduction: Nehemiah continues to face opposition from the same group of people, but he refuses to be intimidated and trusts in God's strength, as he works tirelessly to complete the wall. He will not allow slander to keep him from God's purpose.

Scripture: Nehemiah 6

1. Read Nehemiah 6:1–9. In your own words, what is happening in this passage? What do you notice about Sanballat's tactics?
2. It seems like a simple question, but what is fear? Discuss.
3. This next question is a little personal, but what makes you afraid? Are there any areas of your life where you regularly feel fearful?
4. Fear often keeps us from doing good things. Why do you think fear can be such a powerful and crippling force?
5. What about you? Does fear ever hold you back from anything?
6. Read Nehemiah 6:10–14. What does Shemaiah tempt Nehemiah with? Why do you think Nehemiah is not afraid?
7. Nehemiah fears the Lord. What do you think is the difference between fearing God and fearing man? If you have a hard time coming up with an answer, read Proverbs 29:25, Deuteronomy 10:12–13, and Matthew 10:28.
8. Read John 14:27. Spend some time meditating on Jesus' words in John 14:27. Where is your heart troubled? Confess these things to one another and to God in prayer.

WORK.

- What are some of your biggest fears in sharing the following: Sharing the Gospel, Serving and Giving?
- Pray for one another about their fears that hinder them from obeying our God given roles of evangelizing, serving and giving.