

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Nehemiah 6:1-19

(August 12, 2026)

—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. Nehemiah demonstrated remarkable discernment in recognizing the enemy's schemes each time they appeared in a new form -- in what ways do you think Christians today are most vulnerable to failing to recognize the enemy's tactics in their own lives?
2. Nehemiah refused to abandon his God-given work even when the enemy sent invitations four and five times -- how do you personally guard against the kind of persistent pressure that wears down your commitment to what God has called you to do?
3. The sermon emphasizes that deception thrives where discernment is weak -- what spiritual disciplines do you believe are most essential for developing the kind of discernment Nehemiah demonstrated throughout this passage?
4. Nehemiah consistently responded to threats and fear by turning immediately to prayer rather than taking matters into his own hands -- how does your first instinct when facing opposition compare to Nehemiah's, and what might need to change?
5. The nobles of Judah were corresponding with Tobiah, the enemy of God's people, revealing that compromise can exist even among those in positions of spiritual leadership -- how should believers respond when they discover that trusted leaders have aligned themselves with ungodly influences?
6. Sanballat's open letter used rumor, false accusation, and political threat to intimidate Nehemiah -- how do you see these same tactics being used in today's culture to silence or discredit those who are doing the work of God?
7. The wall was completed in just fifty-two days, and the surrounding nations recognized that it was accomplished with the help of God -- can you identify a moment in your own life when the outcome of a situation made it undeniable to others that God was at work?
8. Shemaiah appeared to offer Nehemiah spiritual counsel and concern for his safety, yet Nehemiah discerned it was a trap -- how do you test whether spiritual advice you receive is genuinely from God or is being used as a tool of the enemy?
9. The sermon points out that the intermarriage between Judean nobles and Ammonite families led to divided loyalties that directly undermined God's work -- in what ways can seemingly personal or private compromises have broader consequences for the community of faith?
10. Nehemiah refused to take personal vengeance against his enemies, trusting God to act on his behalf as seen in Romans 12:19 -- what does it practically look like to release the desire for personal vindication and genuinely entrust justice to God?