



Life Group
Sermon Guide Questions
21 JUNE 2026

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NEHEMIAH 4:1-20

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1. Look at verses 1-3. Sanballat attacks the builders by calling them "feeble." The sermon noted that mockery is most devastating when it is wrapped in a kernel of truth. How have you experienced this "Imposter Phenomenon" when stepping out in faith or taking on a new responsibility?

Read verses 4-6. When faced with crippling ridicule, Nehemiah doesn't argue back; he pivots vertically in prayer. Why is handing the defense of our reputation over to God the essential step to freeing our hands back up for the work (v. 6)?

3. Look at verse 10. The workers complain that there is "too much rubble." The sermon used the illustration of holding a dirty one-peso coin right up to your eye so it blocks out the blazing sun. What specific "rubble" in your daily life is currently blocking your view of God's greatness?

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4. Read verse 14. When the people were completely exhausted, Nehemiah didn't give them a shallow pep talk to try harder; he gave them a high view of God. How does intentionally "remembering the Lord" relieve the massive pressure off your own shoulders in a difficult relationship or other situation?

5. The sermon applied this specifically to fathers (and all of us fighting for our homes), stating that we don't have to be "superheroes who never get tired." What does it look like to practically point your family back to the Great and Awesome God when your own weariness sets in?

6. Read verses 16-18. We are called to carry both the "trowel" (diligently building up with grace) and the "sword" (vigilantly defending with the Word/prayer). In your specific season right now, which of these two tools do you find easiest to carry, and which one are you tempted to drop?

7. In verse 20, Nehemiah institutes the trumpet call. The sermon linked this to Numbers 10:9, where the trumpet assures the people that they are "remembered" by God. How does looking to Jesus, the greater Nehemiah who stepped into the ultimate rubble of our sin and emerged eternally victorious, give you the assurance to persevere in this season?



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