All Those Opposed February 18, 2018

Nehemiah 4-6 Community Group Discussion Questions

**PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION**

1. **Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won’t have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.**
2. **Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.**
3. **You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.**
4. **Check out this Facilitation Guide (**[**http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide**](http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide)**) for tips on leading good discussions.**

**ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)**

1. **Share your name and answer the following icebreaker:** 
   * **What is one talent or skill you have that others might be surprised to learn?**

**OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)**

1. As you reflect on Sunday's message, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
2. **Aaron reminded us that in life, *“Opposition is inevitable.”* When was a time you faced opposition in your life, whether small or big?**
3. Do you find yourself more often facing opposition from others or being the person who is giving opposition?
4. **Are you more likely to take action without depending on God, or to depend on God without taking action?**

**DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)**

1. **Read Nehemiah 4:1-23.**
   * **What parts of this historical account jump out to you most?**
   * How do you think you would have reacted if you were in Nehemiah’s shoes?
2. Read Nehemiah 6:15-16.
   * How might the outcome this story impact how we view or respond to opposition?
3. Read Philippians 2:12-13.
   * What might happen if we miss Paul’s reminder about both our role and God’s role in living out our faith?

**APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)** *You may want to discuss question 10 in your prayer groups.*

1. **Aaron pointed out in his sermon that *“Sitting back and waiting isn’t faith, its wishful thinking.”***
   * How did that statement strike you?
   * **What is an area of your life where you find yourself responding this way?**
2. **Aaron encouraged us that to apply this message we need to *“Get practical.”***
   * **What are some very practical steps you need to take that will help you obey God in one area of your life?**

**DISCUSS THIS QUESTION IN PRAYER TIME**

1. **On Sunday we announced that we will have a Baptism service on Sunday, March 11th. If you are a follower of Jesus who has not been baptized, would you consider being baptized that Sunday?** You can sign up next Sunday at Northridge or email the church at [info@NorthridgeRochester.com](mailto:info@NorthridgeRochester.com).