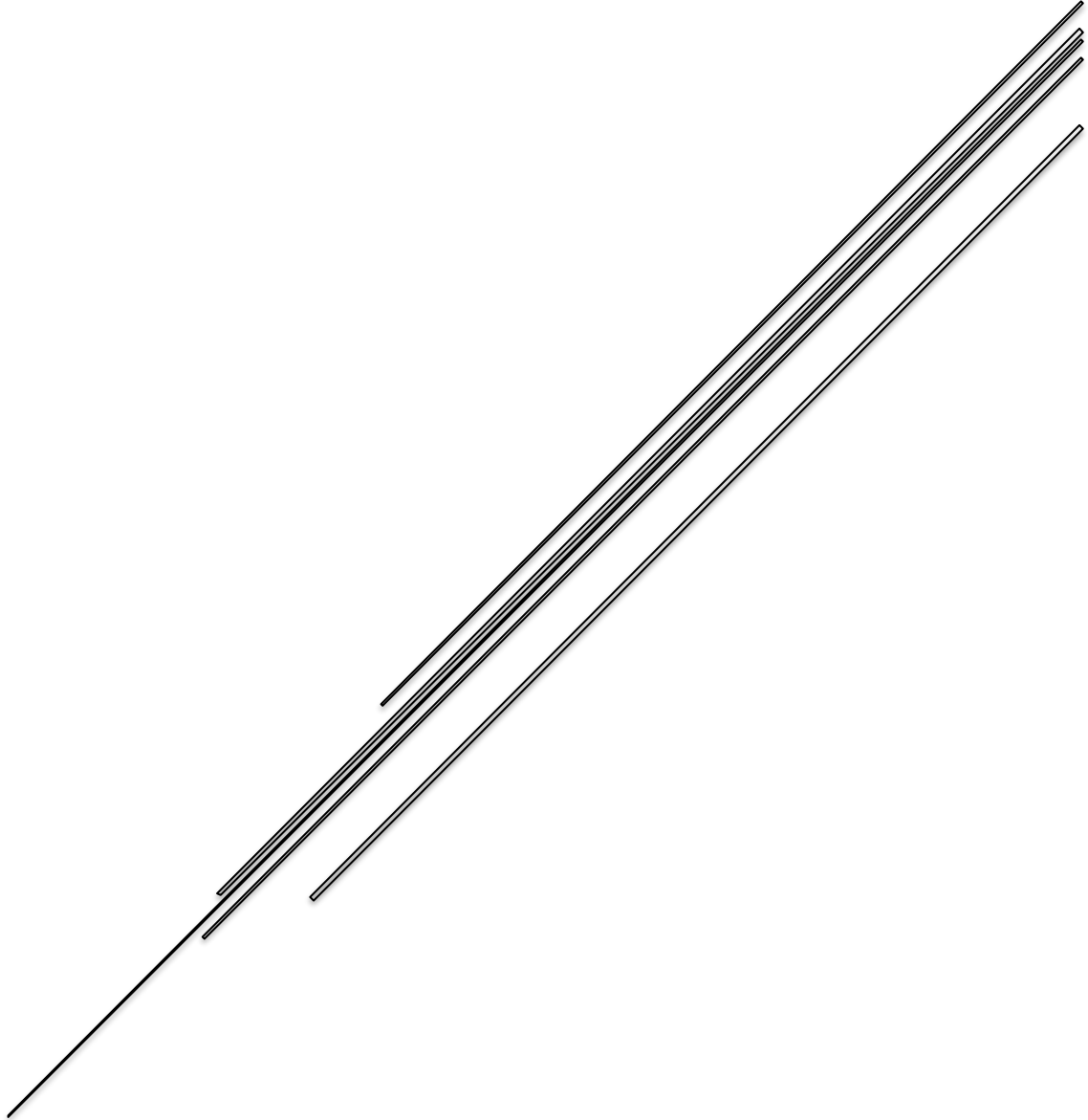


NEHEMIAH

Building & Battling for the Body of Christ



Monument Leadership Institute
Nehemiah Study Guide

Nehemiah Class Completion Requirements

Completion: please initial and date each assignment and sign below when fully completed. All recorded work should be written in English for assessment purposes.

NOTE 1) THE ASSIGNMENTS BELOW: THE READING ASSIGNMENTS, THE VIEWING OF THE STUDY GUIDE AND THE READING OF REFERENCED VERSES SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE CLASS LECTURES.

I have read through Nehemiah at least 2x _____ Date: _____

I have read through Ezra at least 1x _____ Date: _____

I have reviewed the Study Guide and read the referenced verses _____ Date: _____

NOTE 2) THE ASSIGNMENTS BELOW SHOULD BE COMPLETED DURING THE CLASS LECTURES.

I have listened to all of the lectures _____ Dates: _____

I have attended _____ hours of the required _____ class time hours

I have participated in the group discussions _____ Date: _____

NOTE 3) THE ASSIGNMENTS BELOW SHOULD BE THE FINAL WORK TO COMPLETE AFTER THE LAST OF THE CLASS LECTURES.

I have completed all the workbook _____ Dates: _____

I have completed and submitted my final exam _____ Date: _____

I have completed and submitted my 500-word final paper _____ Date: _____

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**Building & Battling
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The Word of God
Apostles & Prophets
The Lord Jesus Christ**

So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed.” Isa. 28:16

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matt. 16:18

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Eph. 2:19–20

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:10–11

Jesus Christ is the Foundation & Cornerstone of the faith.

Matthew 21:42-44

John 1:1-18

Acts 2:22-36

Acts 3:11-21

Romans 1:1-6

The Apostles built with and upon the truth of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:20-25

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1 Peter 1:22-25

1 Peter 2:4-8

We continue building with the Scriptures upon Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:17-25

Ephesians 2:17-22

2 Timothy 4:1-5

The walls of biblical truth built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ will be able to withstand the satanic attacks of ungodliness.

I. CHAPS. 1-3, GOD'S CALL TO THE WORK

A. 1:1-2:8, The Leader's Calling

1. 1:1-11, The Leader's Concern

1 The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah:

In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, 2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.

3 They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."

4 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. 5 Then I said:

"O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands, 6 let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you. 7 We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

8 "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, 9 but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'"

10 "They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. 11 O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man."

a. Identity - _____

b. Burden - _____

c. Trust - _____

d. Character - _____

He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. 2 Tim. 1:9

Group Discussion: What are the important truths of Nehemiah's prayer? _____

2. 2:1-2:9, The Leader's Conduct

1 In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before; 2 so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart."

I was very much afraid, 3 but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my fathers are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?"

4 The king said to me, "What is it you want?"

Then I prayed to the God of heaven, 5 and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it."

6 Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.

7 I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? 8 And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests. 9 So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king's letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me.

Nehemiah was trading *comfort* for *conflict*, *protection* for *persecution*, and the *King's bountiful palace* for the *beaten down* Israelites!

The true teammate stands with his team and his people!

a. Courage - _____

b. Humility - _____

c. Hope - _____

Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. Psa. 127:1

Group Discussion: What are the important truths of Nehemiah's conduct? _____

3. 2:10-16, The Leader's Caution

10 When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites.

11 I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days 12 I set out during the night with a few men. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on.

13 By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. 14 Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; 15 so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. 16 The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.

a. Trustworthiness - _____

b. Leadership- _____

c. Observation - _____

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:10-11

Group Discussion: What are the important truths of Nehemiah's caution? _____

B 2:17-3:32, The Team's Calling

1. 2:17-20, The Team Leaders Unite

17 Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.” 18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. “What is this you are doing?” they asked. “Are you rebelling against the king?”

20 I answered them by saying, “The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it.”

While Jesus Christ is the builder of His Church, Satan seeks to destroy the Church of Christ.

The thief [Satan] comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

a. Building - _____

b. Enemies - _____

c. Devotion - _____

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

2. 3:1-32, The Team Begins Building

The Builders:

1. 38 people mentioned along with 42 different groups (teams)
2. Faith & dedication was being built into each worker
3. No worker complained about their role or any unfairness
4. Each worker was important no matter their role
5. Some workers left their homes to assist their fellow Jews
6. Some finished early and helped others do their work
7. All worked hard, even most of the leaders got their hands dirty
8. Sadly, the nobles of Tekoa would not humble themselves

a. Followed - _____

b. Kept - _____

c. Worked - _____

The Teammate Must:

1. *Learn to be faithful no matter what their job involves*
2. *Not be afraid to work hard for the sake of Christ's church*
3. *Be willing to do any task to accomplish God's work*
4. *Not pursue earthly fame, riches and honor*
5. *Realize he may work harder at times due to others weaknesses*
6. *Must be an example and encouragement to his teammates*
7. *Remember that God's calling is more important than popularity*
8. *Consider how he wants to be remembered by the Lord*

When God's people band together in His name it not only delights the heart of God, but it is also a testimony to those watching, and God is glorified in their midst. **Read John 17:1-26**

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22

Concluding Thoughts from Ecclesiastes 4

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Group Discussion: What are the important truths of being a team player? _____

II.CHAPS. 4-6, OPPOSITION TO GOD’S WORK

A. 4:1-23, Trials from the Outside

1. 4:1-14, Despised & Discouraged

- 1 When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, 2 and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, “What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?”
- 3 Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, “What they are building—if even a fox climbed up on it, he would break down their wall of stones!”
- 4 Hear us, O our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. 5 Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders.
- 6 So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.
- 7 But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the men of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem’s walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. 8 They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. 9 But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.
- 10 Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.”
- 11 Also our enemies said, “Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work.”
- 12 Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, “Wherever you turn, they will attack us.”
- 13 Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. 14 After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”

The Enemies of Christ:

1. *Will always arise and oppose the beginning of a good work*
2. *Are antichrists, motivated by the deceitful spirit of Satan*
3. *Will mock, threaten, lie, intimidate, etc; anything to stop the work*
4. *Try to induce fear, doubt, compromise, despair & hopelessness*
5. *Do not like to lose their control, power and prestige*

a. Prayed - _____

b. Resolved - _____

c. Fortified - _____

d. Encouraged - _____

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. Philippians 3:17-19

Opposition Is A Time To:

1. *Grow spiritually with greater dependence on the Lord*
2. *Unite as a team and continue moving forward*
3. *Learn to build & battle at the same time*
4. *Watch out for your teammates and your people*
5. *Faithfully encourage your team to finish the work*

*As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”
1 Peter 2:4-8*

Group Discussion: What are biblical ways to encourage each other in trials? _____

2. 4:15-23, Determined & Discerning

- 15 When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to his own work.
- 16 From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah 17 who were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, 18 and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked. But the man who sounded the trumpet stayed with me.
- 19 Then I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. 20 Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!”
- 21 So we continued the work with half the men holding spears, from the first light of dawn till the stars came out. 22 At that time I also said to the people, “Have every man and his helper stay inside Jerusalem at night, so they can serve us as guards by night and workmen by day.” 23 Neither I nor my brothers nor my men nor the guards with me took off our clothes; each had his weapon, even when he went for water.

a. Heart - _____

b. Mind - _____

c. Eye - _____

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Eph. 4:29

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 1 Peter 5:8-9

I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. Acts 20:23-24

Group Discussion: What are biblical ways to deal with the enemies of the gospel?

Underline the keys words in these following verses from Ephesian 6:10-17...

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

B. 5:1-19, Trials from the Inside

1. 5:1-5, The Needy & The Greedy

1 Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their Jewish brothers. 2 Some were saying, “We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain.”
3 Others were saying, “We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine.”
4 Still others were saying, “We have had to borrow money to pay the king’s tax on our fields and vineyards. 5 Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our countrymen and though our sons are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery. Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others.”

a. Poor - _____

b. Powerful - _____

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD. Lev. 19:18

2. 5:6-19, The Anger & The Answer

6 When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. 7 I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, “You are exacting usury from your own countrymen!” So I called together a large meeting to deal with them 8 and said: “As far as possible, we have bought back our Jewish brothers who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your brothers, only for them to be sold back to us!” They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say.
9 So I continued, “What you are doing is not right. Shouldn’t you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies? 10 I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let the exacting of usury stop! 11 Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the usury you are charging them—the hundredth part of the money, grain, new wine and oil.”
12 “We will give it back,” they said. “And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say.”
Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised. 13 I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, “In this way may God shake out of his house and possessions every man who does not keep this promise. So may such a man be shaken out and emptied!”
At this the whole assembly said, “Amen,” and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised.
14 Moreover, from the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, until his thirty-second year—twelve years—neither I nor my brothers ate the food allotted to the governor. 15 But the earlier governors—those preceding me—placed a heavy burden on the people and took forty shekels of silver from them in addition to food and wine. Their assistants also lorded it over the people. But out of reverence for God I did not act like that. 16 Instead, I devoted myself to the work on this wall. All my men were assembled there for the work; we did not acquire any land.
17 Furthermore, a hundred and fifty Jews and officials ate at my table, as well as those who came to us from the surrounding nations. 18 Each day one ox, six choice sheep and some poultry were prepared for me, and every ten days an abundant supply of wine of all kinds. In spite of all this, I never demanded the food allotted to the governor, because the demands were heavy on these people.
19 Remember me with favor, O my God, for all I have done for these people.

a. Listened - _____

b. Challenged - _____

c. Corrected - _____

d. Lived - _____

When God's people follow God's ways He is glorified!

As apostles of Christ, we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. 1 Thess. 2:6-9

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 1 Timothy 6:17-18

Group Discussion: What are important truths from this section? _____

C. 6:1-19, Avoiding Distractions

1. 6:1-7, Deception & Dishonesty

1 When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it—though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates— 2 Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: “Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono.” But they were scheming to harm me; 3 so I sent messengers to them with this reply: “I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?” 4 Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer. 5 Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter 6 in which was written: “It is reported among the nations—and Geshem says it is true—that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king 7 and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem: ‘There is a king in Judah!’ Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us confer together.”

If the Enemy Can’t Beat You, They Will:

1. *Attempt to join you or connect with your good friends*
2. *Test you in order to see if you will compromise*
3. *Try to tire you out and get you to listen to the enemy*
4. *Use lies and trickery to get your attention through fear*

I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. Romans 16:17-18

2. 6:8-19, Daring & Discerning

8 I sent him this reply: “Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head.” 9 They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.” But I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.” 10 One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, “Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you—by night they are coming to kill you.” 11 But I said, “Should a man like me run away? Or should one like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!” 12 I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me. 14 Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, because of what they have done; remember also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who have been trying to intimidate me. 15 So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God. 17 Also, in those days the nobles of Judah were sending many letters to Tobiah, and replies from Tobiah kept coming to them. 18 For many in Judah were under oath to him, since he was son-in-law to Shecaniah son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam son of Berekiah. 19 Moreover, they kept reporting to me his good deeds and then telling him what I said. And Tobiah sent letters to intimidate me.

a. Recall - _____

b. Remain - _____

c. Resist - _____

d. Reflective - _____

For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Luke 14:29-30

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." 2 Thess. 3:6-10

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Philippians 1:20-21

Group Discussion: How can we avoid deception & dishonesty? _____

III. CHAPS. 7-13, CONTINUING THE WORK

1. Place - _____

2. Keep - _____

3. Get - _____

4. Make - _____

5. Teach - _____

6. Watch - _____

7. Build - _____

8. Don't - _____

9. Avoid - _____

10. Stay - _____

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.” Luke 6:46-49

Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Acts 20:32

Group Discussion: key ideas from the las section? _____

Reviewing the Four Character Qualities of a Dedicated Leader

Protector

A protector is one who carefully watches over and guards what is under his custody.

Reflecting on this study of Nehemiah, how can we be faithful protectors?

Provider

A provider is one who is sensitive to the needs of those in his care.

Reflecting on this study of Nehemiah, how can we be faithful providers?

Coach

A coach is both an encourager and a teacher. He desires to lead by godly example; he sets the pace for those under his care to follow.

Reflecting on this study of Nehemiah, how can we be faithful coaches?

Companion

A leader not only protects, provides and coaches; he also is a devoted friend to those in his life. Love is what motivates him: love for his God and for God's family.

Reflecting on this study of Nehemiah, how can we be faithful companions?

Nehemiah Final Exam Discussion Questions

This exam may be done with an open Bible in a group discussion setting, or may be taken home as additional homework. Each person should write in their own answers to the questions. A final review of this exam will be done by the leaders.

Chapter 1:

Explain the burden which was placed upon Nehemiah:

Discuss 3 important truths in Nehemiah's prayer:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Chapter 2:

Why was it that Nehemiah was greatly blessed by King Artaxerxes?

From this chapter note 3 characteristics of a servant leader which were discussed:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Chapter 3:

What are 3 principles of teamwork from this chapter?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Chapter 4:

Explain 3 wise reactions of Nehemiah to the threats of the enemies:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Chapter 5:

Did Nehemiah show favoritism when faced with the problems among his own people?_____ Please Explain:

Chapter 6:

Nehemiah had 2 great challenges in this chapter. What were they, and how did he deal with them?

1.

2.

What was the wonderful result of the strong faithful leadership?

Chapter 7-13:

Identify 3 truths that encouraged you from these last chapters:

1.

2.

3.

Describe how these four leader qualities were further understood by you from this study:

Protector -

Provider -

Coach -

Companion -

Student Name: _____ Date: _____
Please Print

Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

Take Home Work:

In 500 words, describe what you learned from this study, and how it can help you in your ministry.
(This assignment may be turned in at your next class meeting, or if it is done electronically it can be emailed to your leader)