

APPLICATION GUIDE

Use the questions below for personal reflection or discussion with your family or friends as we seek to not only hear the Word but believe it and live accordingly.

1. Either through personal Bible reading or someone else's teaching/preaching, God often hits us right where we're at with a particular passage of Scripture that we may have read over previously with no significant personal impact. Think of a time in which God has done that for you and give Him thanks.
2. In **Nehemiah 3**, God's people come together to accomplish a huge and important task. What major projects requiring a large crew have you taken part in? What were some joys and challenges you faced? What do you suppose this experience would have been like for those doing it under Nehemiah's leadership?
3. In **Nehemiah 4:1-3**, some angry opponents jeer at the Jews building the wall. How did the Jews respond in **4:4-6**? What can we learn from their response to this initial threat?
4. When the threat escalated (**Nehemiah 4:7-8**), how did the Jews respond (**Nehemiah 4:9-14**)? How might we apply this to our lives today?
5. In **Nehemiah 4:9-14**, they don't choose between prayer and action or faith and work...they do both. Where do you see that in those verses? Do you tend to lean toward doing one more than the other (i.e. you pray and trust God but aren't very proactive or you make plans and work hard but don't do a good job of praying and trusting God)? Ask God to help you with that this week.
6. Look again at how the people worked in **Nehemiah 4:15-23**. That certainly wasn't convenient or efficient! But it seemed necessary because of the threat they faced combined with their commitment to keep working. What does it look like for you/us to both face our present threat while continuing to do the work God calls us to do?



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Facing a Threat Together Nehemiah 3-4

NEHEMIAH

COMING BACK AND BUILDING UP

As 2020 draws to a close, we continue to work our way through some significant challenges. The virus that once seemed far off is proving to be a more serious threat locally.

How do we face this threat together while continuing to do what God has called us to do?

Nehemiah 3-4 is a timely passage for us to look at together today.

SERMON NOTES

Big Idea:

When God's people face threats while working together, they do not fear but they pray, remember God's greatness and make plans to protect themselves so they can continue working together to accomplish God's purposes.

Context

Nehemiah 1:

Nehemiah 2:

Work → Threat → Pray

Nehemiah 3:1-4:5

W_____ T_____ (3:1-32)

Threat 1: A_____ Opponents J_____ (4:1-3)

Prayer 1: S_____ Them, God (4:4-5)

SERMON NOTES

Keep Working → Threat →

Pray + Persevere + Protect + Plea

Nehemiah 4:6-14

Working T_____ Again (4:6)

Threat 2: A_____ Opponents P_____ (4:7-8)

Prayer 2 + Perseverance Test + Protection Plan + Plea (4:9-14)

Pray + Set a Guard (4:9)

Perseverance Test (4:10-12)

Protection Plan Put in Place (4:13)

Plea (4:14)

Application: How Will We Pray, Persevere, Protect?

Keep Working Together (in a new way)

Nehemiah 4:15-23

Application: The Gospel Propels us to Persevere

Romans 8:28-39

Read and Pray Ahead
Nehemiah 5