



## NEHEMIAH 4:7-23

### INTRODUCTION

As the people of God seek to do the work of God, the world rises in opposition. Nehemiah leads God's people to persevere and in doing so shows us timeless principles on how to respond to the world's opposition.

### INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

### OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **Nehemiah 4.7-23**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?

### REVIEW

- Discuss the ways the world opposes God's people.
- Discuss the ways the People of God persevere?

### APPLICATION

- How have you faced opposition to following Jesus?
- What are you building? How are you protecting what you are building?
- Practically, what will it look like for you to fight for the glory of Christ in your family, in your church, and in your community?
- In 4:12 other Jews were discouraging those at work on the walls. How do Christians discourage other Christians today? Are there any ways that you yourself might discourage other Christians?
- Do you lose focus when faced with trouble? Discuss.
- How might you direct the eyes of others to the great and awe-inspiring Lord, as Nehemiah did (4:14)?

### PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs