

Connect Group Discussion Guide *Series: Rebuild for Revival*

Week 5 – Rebuilding with Opposition

GOAL: This Week's discussion should focus on the idea of how to respond when the enemy comes against you in your life.

DISCUSSION STARTER: Ask everyone how their week was and for them to share anything God has laid on their heart/doing in their life/anything that stood out in this message.

GROUP ACTIVITY: Talk about the idea that "God doesn't always remove the opposition in your life". What opposition do you face day to day? Is there a certain opponent that is a constant? Read 1 Peter 5:8 and discuss why the devil looks for someone to devour. **As a group, read Nehemiah 4.**

DISCUSSION:

1. Point #1 "Identify the Opposition" dealt with some ways the enemy tries to come against us: anger, mockery, sarcasm, ridicule, threats, intimidation, discouragement, exhaustion and fear. Do any of these relate to anyone here? Is there one in particular anyone deals with? How do you deal with it personally?
2. Point #2 "Fight with Focus" dealt with the idea that we need to stay focused on what God has called us to do instead of letting the threats of the enemy slow us down, just like Nehemiah and his people. Read Galatians 6:9 and talk about the verse. Is reaping automatic? How does it work?
4. Read Colossians 1:11-12 and talk about "strength for endurance and patience" – Why is that important? What does it mean to "share the inheritance that belongs to his people?" Read After discussing, read Colossians 3:2 and discuss how this relates to our every day approach to life.
5. Point #3 "Fight Guarded" talked about the idea that Nehemiah set guards around the wall (Nehemiah 4:8-9 and 13) – Talk about guards you already put up in your life to protect you from the enemy. Are there any exposed areas in your life that he continually gets in at? Read and discuss these scriptures to talk about "GUARDS" we should put up: 1 Cor 16:13, 1 Cor 15:33, Matthew 6:23, Psalm 141:3, 2 Cor 10:5 and Proverbs 4:23. **DON'T LEAVE ROOM FOR THE ENEMY**
6. Point #4 "Fight with Prayer" dealt specifically with Nehemiah's prayer in Nehemiah 4:4-5. Discuss how this prayer and what Matthew 5:43-44 says about prayer are actually very similar. How do these line up with Proverbs 24:27 and Proverbs 25:21. Does this speak specifically to anyone here?

CLOSING: Nehemiah 4 teaches us how to keep rebuilding the Kingdom of God while opposition comes. It is not a time to stop, it is a time to press through with focus, guards, and prayer! What stood out to you in today's teaching for your life?

PRAY: Take Prayer Requests and have someone post them to the Connect Group FB Wall with the number of people that came to group and write down the names as well.