

Nehemiah Week 4 (Facing Opposition) – Nehemiah chapter 4 - 7

Ice Breaker Idea: Share highs and/or lows from the past week.

Questions:

1. If you were to consider a list of people you consider to be enemies (mentally, not out loud) – how many of those enemies exist because of your righteous lifestyle vs. your own questionable behavior?
2. What is the difference between defending yourself vs. fighting? Consider some scenarios where you have faced opposition. What does it practically look like to defend yourself in these scenarios?
3. The balance between standing firm vs. showing love often seems difficult or confusing to manage. Have you found this to be an area of difficulty in your own life? Are these two options mutually exclusive? What might it look like when they exist together?
4. Explain what this means: our “enemies” are the mission?
5. Fear of others is often a very powerful factor in driving our behaviors. What is the difference between fear of man and fear of God?

“Digging Deeper”

Read Ephesians 6: 10 – 17

How do these elements of armor fit into your life? Moments of opposition often come unexpected; how can you be prepared to face those scenarios? Focus on verse 12, what does this tell us about the enemies that we face in this life?