

GODLY LEADERSHIP NEHEMIAH 6

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

**Questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Nehemiah 5** has helped you?

SECTION I: READ NEHEMIAH 6:1-9

2. In **V1**, what message spurs the enemies' activities?
3. Look back to Nehemiah 4 and re-read Nehemiah 6:2.
 - a) How have the enemies' tactics changed?
 - b) Why do you think they changed their tactics?
 - c) What was Nehemiah's response in **V3**?
4. Write a short summary of additional tactics the enemies used and Nehemiah's responses in **V4-8**.
5. How do you think Nehemiah knows the enemies' motives in **V9**?
6. For what does he pray, and why do you think he prays for this?

7. a) Describe a time fear stopped or hindered your work.

b) How did you respond?

SECTION II: READ NEHEMIAH 6:10-14

8. What do you learn about Shemaiah in **V12-13**?

9. Why would Shemaiah's invitation for a meeting inside the temple be considered a sin?
See Numbers 18:6-7.

10. a) Describe in your own words the heart of Nehemiah's prayer in response to this betrayal.

b) What do you learn from these verses about how to deal with betrayal?

11. What betrayals do you need to leave for God to remember?

SECTION III: READ NEHEMIAH 6:15-19

12. How many times do you see the word "intimidate" or other words that imply intimidation in Nehemiah 6? Give verses.

13. a) According to **V16**, who ends up being intimidated and why?

b) How have you seen God's responses to intimidation in your own life?

14. In **V17-19**, what is yet another tactic the enemy used to try to intimidate Nehemiah?

15. Review Nehemiah 6. Describe the different kinds of enemies in **V1-2, 10 & 17**.

16. Identify the relationships that have the potential to intimidate you OR where you might be a potential source of intimidation.

17. With this week's lesson in mind, form a prayer request to share with your table.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Just as Nehemiah recognized the tactics of his enemies, we need to be on guard about the tactics of our enemy. Identify the discreet maneuvers of Satan expressed in each reference below. Some will be more obvious than others, but look for his subtle tactic in each verse:

Matthew 5:37 _____

Mark 4:15 _____

Acts 5:3 _____

Acts 26:18 _____

1 Corinthians 7:5 _____

2 Corinthians 11:3 _____

Revelation 12:9 _____

verse you thought of _____

2. In **V9b**, Nehemiah knew God alone could strengthen the Jews with such enemy opposition. Let the following verse encourage you amid the enemy's various tactics in your life.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 _____

