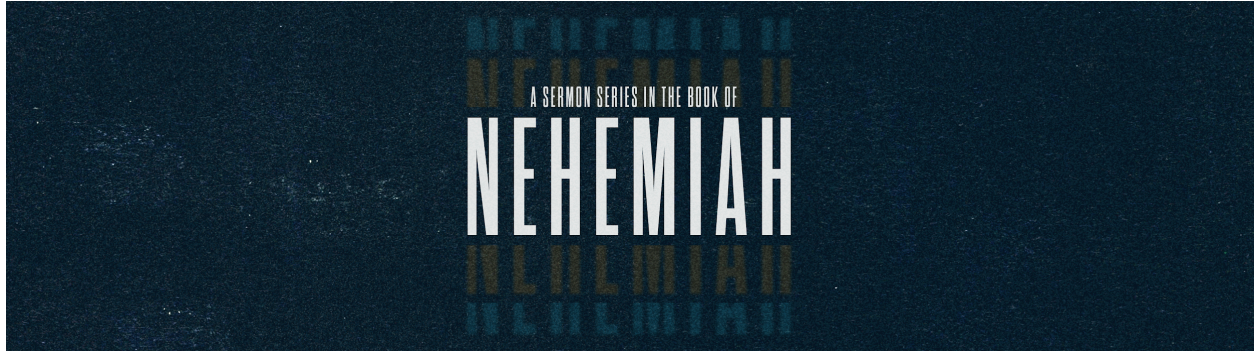


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Nehemiah 4



Explore - *Take time to think through the text/sermon.*

Take some time to listen to the sermon before you engage your Missional Community.

- What was the “Big Idea” for this sermon?
- Can you identify the major points from the sermon?
- Was there anything that the Spirit revealed throughout the sermon that you need to further engage?
- Did you find yourself needing to confess anything on the way to communion?

Experience - *Try to engage the text in a practical way BEFORE you gather.*

There are a few themes that are presented in this text. Let’s try to find them.

The government brought opposition against Nehemiah and his efforts. Write out each way the government worked against Nehemiah in each area.

- Mocks ‘n Taunts v.1-3:
 - Planning the Attack v.7-8:
 - Rumors and Fake News v.10-12:
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Evaluate - *Time to discuss as a community DURING your M.C. gathering.*

- In the midst of opposition what was the primary weapon that Nehemiah used?
- There were two specific prayers Nehemiah prayed. What was significant about those prayers?
- When opposition comes against you and/or the church how do you tend to respond? (Note: if you do not feel opposition you may need to discuss.)
- Nehemiah called everyone to have a sword and a hammer. What might it look like for us today to 'build the wall' with sword and hammer?

Equip - *Train Others as you GATHER for when you SCATTER.*

Gospel Application

- Pastor Corey mentioned some pretty heavy content in regards to the trans movement within children. You may need to take a moment to reflect and collect potential questions or feedback.
- Are there ways you have over-empathized, and further enabled someone to continue in sin? What has kept you from sharing the truth with others? Note the difference between empathy and sympathy.
- How might the truth of JESUS atonement (him bearing our sin/shame/nakedness/death) liberate you to be faithful to what you believe?
- How might the truth of the atonement liberate someone else in your social circle to experience new identity in Christ?

Get Connected:

Check out the upcoming events in the weekly email.

A Story-Formed Sunday - 10 Years! - March 17th

Pray for the team Headed to Monterrey Mexico!

Quote of the day:

“Worldly Opposition is the Furnace that Forges Faith”

Resources:

The bill they are hoping to pass to include gender-affirming procedures and immunity for medical professionals. HB4876:

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=4876&GAID=17&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=152735&SessionID=112&GA=103>

Abigail Shrier - Irreversible Damage

https://www.amazon.com/dp/168451228X?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_dp_EQ36Z4ADSJZ7F7R8DK8Y

Rosario Butterfield - 5 Lies of an Anti-Christian Age

https://www.amazon.com/dp/1433573539?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_dp_TX0JR35KTAJG0Q9NK79S

The rebuilding of the wall began at the Sheep Gate and moved its way counterclockwise ending at the Sheep Gate.

