Boulder Mountain July 6

The Good Work: "Say No To Distractions"

Nehemiah 6

Icebreakers:

- 1. What was rumored to be true about you, but wasn't?
- 2. Share a time when you said "yes", but everything in you wanted to say "no!"

Observation:

- 1. What lay in ruin for 140 years, was rebuilt in 52 days. How is this possible?
- 2. What was significant and unique about the book of Nehemiah, as pointed out during the message, compared to other Biblical stories.
- 3. What were the 3 types of distractions Nehemiah faced in chapter 6?

Interpretation:

- 1. What steps does Nehemiah take to secure the city of Jerusalem? What is significant about the timing and placement of the resources?
- 2. How many prayers are recorded in Nehemiah? How long did he pray for in between chapters 1 and 2? What does that tell us about the prayer to work ratio?

Application:

- 1. On a scale of 1-10, how difficult is it for you to say no? (If you are available for everyone, you will eventually have nothing to give anyone)
- 2. What importance do you place on setting goals and achieving them? Are you accountable to anyone? Who?
- 3. How complete is your defense against those who would sidetrack you?
- 4. What weak spots in the wall of your heart need shoring up?
- 5. When going about doing good, when have you been tempted to either quit or settle?

How does a follower of Jesus distinguish between the will of God or the call of God, and the words of a misguided friend or 'false prophet'?

Announcements:

All Church wide Volunteer Training: Wednesday, July 16! (Dinner, Fun, Giveaways, training!)

Mark your calendars: *Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage!* Marriage Conference September 19-20! Friday night and Saturday, at the Church