

Discussion Guide

Discussion Guides accompany the [weekly message](#).

Opening Activity:

What's one headline, meme or media post you believed at first but later found out wasn't true? How did it feel to realize you'd been misled?

Read: Nehemiah 6:1-1; Luke 4:1-13; Ephesians 6:10-18; Deuteronomy 8:3, 6:13 & 16

Discussion Questions:

1. In Nehemiah 6, the enemy tries distraction, discredit and deception. Why do you think Satan often attacks hardest when we are almost finished with what God has called us to do (Nehemiah 6:15)?
2. Nehemiah recognized the schemes because he knew God's truth. How does his prayer in Nehemiah 6:9 ("Now strengthen my hands") reveal the source of his perseverance compared to human determination?
3. In Luke 4:1-13, Jesus responded to each of Satan's lies with Scripture. What does this teach us about the role of God's Word in resisting temptation and discerning truth from lies?
4. Both Nehemiah and Jesus modeled discernment through prayer and Scripture. How do these examples together shape our understanding of spiritual warfare in daily life (Ephesians 6:10-18)?
5. Where in your life do you feel most tempted to be distracted from God's calling? How could you remind yourself of Nehemiah's words this week?
6. Have you ever experienced someone trying to discredit you—or even lies you've believed about yourself—that nearly discouraged you from pursuing God's plan? How did you overcome it, or what truth do you need to cling to now?
7. Think about a "98% moment" in your life—when you were close to finishing something God called you to, but it became the hardest stretch. What helped (or could help) you press through?
8. If the enemy's main strategies are distraction, discredit and deception, which one tends to trip you up most often? What specific practice—prayer, Scripture memorization, accountability—could strengthen you to resist it?

Challenge for the Week:

Identify one area in your life where you're most tempted by distraction, discredit or deception. Share this area with a trusted friend or group member and ask them to check in with you this week. In turn, commit to checking in on them. Pray together and remind each other of God's truth when the enemy's lies surface.