Nehemiah 6 – Lessons 4-Life

Study Guide – Reference Verses

Important Lessons

James 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Matthew 16:25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

The Temple of God

Numbers 18:7 And behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from among the people of Israel. They are a gift to you, given to the Lord, to do the service of the tent of meeting. And you and your sons with you shall guard your priesthood for all that concerns the altar and that is within the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood as a gift, and any outsider who comes near shall be put to death."

King Uzziah

2 Chronicles 26:16-20 But when he was strong, he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to the Lord his God and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. But Azariah the priest went in after him, with eighty priests of the Lord who were men of valor, and they withstood King Uzziah and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from the Lord God." Then Uzziah was angry. Now he had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the Lord, by the altar of incense.

Discussion Questions:

How do Sanballat and his friends change their tactics? What do we learn about our enemy from their behavior?

Why did Nehemiah reject their plan and say 'Oh no'! to Ono?

How can focusing on a great work keep us from distraction? What is our great work?

What is the significance of an open letter? What was the enemy trying to accomplish here? How does Nehemiah respond?

In verse 10, Nehemiah comes to the house of Shemaiah. What is happening here? How does Nehemiah see through this plot and stand firm in this final attempt to stop the work?

Notes: