



Small Group Questions

Nehemiah 6

REMINDER: The purpose of our small groups at Cypress is to learn to love one another. We seek to do this as we: 1. Study the Bible together; 2. Discuss how to put it into practice; 3. Pray together; and 4. Live life together. Please use these questions only as they help you achieve this purpose. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** Read Nehemiah 6. What was your take away from Sunday's sermon on Nehemiah 6?

2. **Observation – What do you see?**

What was the "great work" Nehemiah spoke of in Nehemiah 6:3? State it as clearly as possible.

List all the ways Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem tried to distract Nehemiah (and God's people) from the great work in Nehemiah 6 (including Shemaiah in vv.10-13 and the nobles in vv.17-19).

3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**

Nehemiah and God's people were clear about the great work God had given them to do. Are you as clear about the great work God wants to do in you and through you? Jesus is doing a great work today – He's building His church! Christ calls us to be involved in this great building work by "making disciples of all nations" (Matt.28:18-20). Are you clear about how God has uniquely gifted you to build up others to build up the church and help people grow into Christ-like disciples?

As you consider the distractions Nehemiah faced in Nehemiah 6, is there something in your life that is distracting you from the great work God wants to do in you and through you?

4. **Application – How does this apply?**

How is the Holy Spirit stirring in you after studying Nehemiah 6? Do you know how you are to be involved in fulfilling Jesus' great commission? Is something distracting you from God and what He is calling you to do? What will you resolve to do about it?

5. **Prayer ...**