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## MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

*Start with an icebreaker question to get everyone talking then choose the questions that work best for your group.*

### 2020 Hindsight

#### ICE-BREAKER:

Do you typically make New Year's Resolutions? If so, how good are you at keeping them?

#### DISCUSS:

There are many things you will want to get done this year. There are some things you need to do. But of all the things you can do, what is the one thing you must do in 2021?

#### Is there...

- A habit you need to break?
- A degree you want to complete?
- A project you should finish?
- A relationship you must rebuild or retire?
- A debt you need to pay off?
- Something else?

#### READ:

*"So Sanballat and Geshem sent a message asking me to meet them at one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But I realized they were plotting to harm me, so I replied by sending this message to them: **'I am engaged in a great work, so I can't come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?'** Four times they sent the same message, and each time I gave the same reply."*

**- Nehemiah 6:2-4 (NLT2)**

What were the potential distractions that could have easily caused Nehemiah to lose focus on the city wall he was helping to rebuild?

What are some of the obstacles that need to be removed from your life in order for you to stay focused on your "one thing" in 2021?

Is your potential distraction something you need to say "no" to just for now, or forever?

#### APPLY IT:

What are some of the primary things that could distract you from the "one thing" you must do in the coming year? How will you prevent it?