

Message Notes

Nehemiah Part 5: Navigating Distractions

Nehemiah 6:1-9

→ the curtain of distraction

#1 A powerful enemy in your life is _____.

→ an invitation - **vs. 1-2**

→ Nehemiah won't be attending - **vs. 3-4**

#2 Even _____ things can become a distraction if they keep you from _____ things.

→ pursue God's will on your life

→ what's your great project?

#3 Prioritize your _____ around things that last longer than your _____.

→ Jesus had a great project - **Luke 9:51**

→ some people won't understand - **vs. 5-9**

#4 When you can't _____ the voices, _____ your heart instead.

Group Questions

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1. Distractions are all around us. Share a time at work or in your family life when you couldn't focus on something important because your time was consumed by something urgent. How did the important thing suffer as a result?

2. **Read Nehemiah 2:1-6.** Why do you suppose Nehemiah wanted the walls of Jerusalem to be rebuilt so badly?

3. **Read Nehemiah 6:1-4.** Why did Nehemiah consider the wall rebuilding to be a *great* project?

4. There are many things you could be doing with your time, what is your "great project" during this season of life?

5. What "good" things have made it difficult to focus on your most important thing?

What can you do to shift your priorities? How can this group be of help?

6. As a group, share at least 3 ways that focusing on "things that last longer than this life" will influence your time and schedule.

7. **Read Nehemiah 6:5-9.** Have you ever received criticism (or felt awkward) for making life decisions that prioritized the eternal? Share the situation. What have you learned from it?