

April 30, 2023 Eliminate the Leader

Nehemiah 6:1-14

Summary – Biblical enemies seem to amplify their attack early and at the end of a mission or life. Nehemiah is on the last lap and his enemies redouble their attack and make it personal. No longer are they trying to discourage the entire group, but now they target Nehemiah personally with distraction, slander and a false prophet preaching bad theology.

Scripture - Nehemiah 6:1-14, Matthew 18:15, Proverbs 18:8, Numbers 3:10, Colossians 3:1

Community Group Questions:

(There is no obligation to discuss every question/quotation)

Introduction

- Satan knows the best way to derail a great work is to attack the leader(s).

Diversion (Neh. 6:1-4)

- Why is it important to recognize the enemy will redouble his efforts as we near the finish line?
- How has the enemy tried to distract you in recent days?
- Why is diversion/distraction such an effective tool for the enemy?

Slander (Neh. 6:5-9)

- We like to believe slander; what draws us to the negative?
- "I am the air traffic controller of what I allow to land in my mind." How do you control what "lands" in your mind?
- How can Matthew 18:15 help overcome slander?
- When we are being slandered, why is it important to remember how our King sees us?

Bad Theology (Neh. 6:10-14)

- "When you love someone you stick up for them."
- "We must stick up for what is right, truth matters."
- "When you know who you are (gospel identity), you'll know what to do." How does knowing your gospel identity help you push back against bad theology?