

{re}BUILT WEEK 4 group guide
OPPOSITION -- Nehemiah 4

Big Idea | GOD USES OPPOSITION TO MAKE US STRONGER

Icebreaker | Was there teasing and name-calling that got to you as a kid? How did you react?

Read the story | Nehemiah 4:1-23 Take turns reading a section or ask someone to read the entire passage. You choose what works best!

HOW DOES OPPOSITION MAKE US STRONGER?

- **WE PRAY MORE**
- **WE WORK TOGETHER**
- **WE FIGHT FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IN**
- **WE CONTINUE THE WORK WITH EVEN GREATER COMMITMENT**

Questions | Choose which questions the group wants to respond to!

1. Why do you think Sanballat was so opposed to the wall being rebuilt? What weapons does he use against Nehemiah and his team? How effective were their taunts at slowing down the rebuilding?
2. How does Nehemiah encourage them to persist? How was the plot of their enemies foiled?
3. How does Nehemiah show his commitment to be personally involved in the building effort? How does he show his dependence on God?
4. Which gives you more difficulty: External criticism or internal fears? Why?
5. What is one area of your life where there seems to be "so much rubble"(verse 10)? In what ways are you cooperating with others and trusting God to build something out of that rubble?
6. How have you responded to opposition in the past? Are you facing opposition today in some area? How can we work together with you? How can we pray?

Action point:
HOW ARE YOU RESPONDING TO OPPOSITION?

Pray | Take time to share prayer requests. Give everyone a chance to share. Should someone make a note of the requests?