

Nehemiah Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 03-27-22

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer as you engage in the Word of God connected to the teaching of God from the past Sunday.

Quick Review What did you hear ... key takeaways from Sunday's message? Take a look at the message outline together ... What impacted you most? Any questions come up for you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** What types of arguments(fun or other) about your sports team have you had with others? Have they ever tried to talk badly about your team and if so, how did you respond?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: **Nehemiah 4**

- Discuss the ways the enemies of Jerusalem opposed the wall building. Name what the opposition leaders did and planned.(vs. 1-3, 7-8, 11)
- How has opposition to something you are passionate about impacted your ability to get it done? Any examples you can share?
- God directed Nehemiah to build, even when opposed. In light of his conviction to build, how did Nehemiah respond to the opposition? (Vs. 4-6, 9, 13-14, 16-23)
- What emotions have welled up in you when faced with adversity to a plan? What stands in the way of you accomplishing any plans or vision or purpose that God has shown you?

Digging Deeper: **Watch the Generations Video now!**

- What needs of children have you been hearing since the start of this Generations campaign?
- What evidence of God's direction and hand in this project have you witnessed?
- Relating to the passage from today, what opposition to being a part of the Generations Project might we face individually? As a church? How do we face it?
- What are the ways Nehemiah's leadership example can be, or has been, followed by the leadership for Generations? What wisdom or strengths do you see?

Action Steps:

Do you believe the leadership for the Generations campaign is following God's will in acting upon this project? If yes, will you help "build the wall" and how?