



“DEFEATING DISTRACTIONS”

Nehemiah 6

SERMON APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- What stood out to you from this week’s sermon? What challenged you? What prompted questions?
- With this series now over, what are 1 or 2 (or more) things that God has pressed in on your heart for you to pursue with a purpose and plan? In your walk with the Lord? Your family? A mission in our church, community, to the nations?
- What practical wisdom can we take from Nehemiah’s response to his enemies? How does Nehemiah’s handling of this event contrast with Eve’s folly in Genesis 3:1-5?
- Nehemiah discerns that Sanballat and Shemaiah are dealing falsely with him. How does a Christian discern between truth and error? Look up the following verses to help with your answer: Romans 12:2, James 1:5 and John 10:27
- What distractions do you wrestle with in your life? Nehemiah stays focused on the “greater” thing instead of being distracted by a potentially “good” thing. In doing good for the cause of Christ, when have you been tempted to settle for second best or good enough?
- Read Acts 20:24, Philippians 3:12-14, Hebrews 12:1-4, Colossians 3:1-4. How do these verse help us to keep a focus on the mission we’ve been called to pursue?

PRAY

- Nehemiah repeatedly turns to prayer when his enemies assert themselves. What difficulty are you currently facing that could benefit from greater prayerfulness? Prayerfully lift each other up.
- Pray for each other in the purpose and vision that God has placed on your hearts.

