

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom Restoration”**

### **Complement to lesson on 3/12/23 – “External Opposition and Pressure”**

#### **ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. Share a time you faced opposition. How did it resolve?
2. What high pressure situations do you enjoy? What high pressure situations don't you enjoy?

#### **MEMORIZE – Nehemiah 1:9**

“but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.”

#### **READ – Read Nehemiah 6**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
  - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
  - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
  - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?  
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. How many times and in what ways does Sanballat try to get Nehemiah to stop his work?
  - a. In what ways does Satan attempt to do the same things to us as we lean into our brokenness?
  - b. How have you experienced this for yourself?
  - c. Look again at Nehemiah's responses. How can these inform our responses to Satan when he attempts to intimidate us from restoring our brokenness?
3. Read again Nehemiah 6:16. How do you think Nehemiah was able to make this statement?

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY** – Look for Signs of Spring

Take a walk (by yourself or in a group) this week and look for signs of Spring. You may only have to walk around your house. (Crocuses are blooming right now and robins are back in droves.) Keep a list of all that you see. After you are done, take time to answer the following questions:

1. What connections can you make with these signs of Spring and confronting brokenness in your own life to bring restoration?
2. What hope can you get by considering signs of Spring?
3. What role does God play in all of this? Is it always seen?

**SING** (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Nehemiah's Prayer- [https://youtu.be/dT3Ltv\\_UVP0](https://youtu.be/dT3Ltv_UVP0)

A Thousand Hallelujahs - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeS49pSXDts>

His Mercy is More - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1GiZL60c80>

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less – Mennonite Hymnal #558

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

### **Sending prayer based on the series:**

As you go this week working towards restoration in our own brokenness, may the Lord fill you bold hope and determination such that in response to opposition you would say, "I am doing a great work and cannot come down."