

Pacific Growth Group – Sermon Questions

Week of October 26th, 2025

Sermon Series: The Build – An Exploration into Nehemiah

Sermon Theme: “Opposition and Resilience.”

Primary Text(s): Nehemiah 4

1. Read Nehemiah 4.

2. Opening Reflection: Recognizing Opposition.

- a. Prompt for Leaders: Invite transparency; remind the group this can be big or small—at work, in family, or in faith.

- i. *Share about a time when you have felt opposed or misunderstood for doing what you believed was right.*

- *Follow-Up(s): How did you respond?*

- ii. *What stands out to you about how Nehemiah handled opposition in chapter 4?*

- *Which of Nehemiah and the Jewish People’s responses—being prayerful, being on guard, and being encouraging—feels most challenging for you to practice?*

3. The Opposing Forces We Encounter

- a. Prompt for Leaders: Remind or inform the group about the three forces that oppose believers that Prince mentioned in his sermon.

- i. *Of the three forces mentioned—cultural, spiritual, and internal—which do you see most affecting believers or the church today?*

- *Follow-Up(s): How might awareness of these forces change the way we pray or engage our community?*

4. Responses to Opposition: Be Prayerful

- a. Prompt for Leaders: Invite someone to describe a time prayer changed their response in conflict.

- i. *Share why you think prayer—not human-based action—was Nehemiah’s first move?*

- *Follow-Up(s): Discuss ways your group could support one another in praying first when we face resistance.*

5. Responses to Opposition: Be on Guard

- a. Prompt for Leaders: Remind the group that to be on guard means staying spiritually aware, protecting what God is building in and through us, and refusing to let fear, distraction, or division slow the work.

i. *How can being on guard coexist with peace rather than fear?*

- *Follow-Up(s): Talk about practices or attitudes that help you stay on guard without becoming weary in your involvement in God's mission in the world.*

6. Responses to Opposition: Be Encouraged

- a. Prompt for Leaders: Encourage personal testimony or gratitude moments.

i. *Jesus said, "Take heart; I have overcome the world." How does remembering His victory shape the way you face challenges now?*

- *Follow-Ups: What truth about God do you need to "remember" this season when discouragement comes?*

7. Group Prayer

- a. Prompt for Leaders: Invite group members to pray specific prayers:

- For resilience, where they feel resistance.*
- For courage to pray first and react after prayerful inspiration.*
- For encouragement rooted in Jesus' victory.*