



Small Group Study Guide  
Rebuilding the Walls:  
Nehemiah

“God will fight for us!”  
-Nehemiah

Week 2 Group Reflection Questions

1. Why are Nehemiah’s neighbors so opposed to the rebuilding of the walls?
2. What is Nehemiah’s response plan to this threat?
3. How is the battle won? What can we learn for our own life battles?
4. Where are you most vulnerable to attack in your life?
5. What are you doing in your life to set your mind on the good?

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**Facing Opposition**  
**Nehemiah 4**

Where are you vulnerable in your life? What’s the low part of your wall? Sometimes our very strength can become the point of attack for our enemies. Attacks have come on some of the greatest leaders in history simply because they had great leadership qualities. Other times we can have hidden weaknesses. Some have hidden habits they don’t want anyone else to know about. Others have taken neutral activities and made them into obsessions. When the attack comes to you, where will it come from?

Since the invention of the cannon we no longer deal with literal walls for protection. The battle we fight now is a spiritual battle that sometimes is waged from the outside, and other times rages within us (See Romans 7). Paul gives us advice to handle these attacks: “Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” (Phil. 4:8) Simply avoiding attacks at the low point in our wall is not enough, we need to prepare for the attacks. We do this by setting our mind on the things that are good and beautiful and pure. We need to prepare our minds to respond to attacks. Let me suggest one way of doing this—memorize Scripture. There are few other activities that focus our mind on the good like memorization..

