

# **Life Group Notes for Sun 24 October 2021**

## **Nehemiah 6:1-15 A Time to Build Opposition**

### **Introduction**

In this country we are unlikely to face life threatening opposition specifically as Christians, though we can of course face threats and intimidation in all sorts of ways.

Have you ever felt threatened or intimidated, for example, at work, at home, at church or out and about?

Possible question for personal reflection: Have you ever threatened or intimidated anyone else?

### **Distraction resisted (read v 1-4)**

Simon suggested that the great project of every Christian is to know Christ and to make Him known. How would you express God's call on your life for yourself?

Do you agree that distractions and temptations have got worse over the decades? Why or why not?

What helps you build spiritual and emotional resilience in the turmoil of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?

### **Slander dismissed (read v 5-9)**

Jesus was slandered in many different ways.

What kind of slander or simple misunderstanding of the church or Christians have you come across? How have

you been misunderstood or even slandered as a Christian?

How do you think we should respond to slander? Simon suggested several ways.

### **Intimidation ignored (read v 10-14)**

How did Nehemiah respond to the intimidation of his enemies?

How does God call us to respond to intimidation? (perhaps look at Romans 12:17-21)

### **Project completed (read v 15)**

The wall was completed in less than two months. Our mission lasts a lifetime. What passages of scripture encourage you to keep going to the very end? Simon quoted 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.

Others you might want to look are: Job 19:25-27; Psalm 23; Isaiah 25:7-8; John 14:1-4; Revelation 21:1-6

### **Personal reflection time**

What has God said to you through this time of discussion?

### **Conclusion**

Take some time to pray over the "project completed" verses above and to encourage one another to keep going.