

Community Group Study Guide

How to Fight Nehemiah 3 & 4

Main Idea

God's people work together for the advancement of God's glory in a world that hates such advances

Overview

- I. It was a community effort by all God's people to build God's way
 - A. See all types of people from the High Priest to Perfumers and Goldsmiths
 - B. Each of these parties worked in the manner that God's man had dictated, not in their own way or on their own time
 1. Because of that they got a great deal done quickly
 - C. It was not a personal project, but a community project
- II. God's people are united in their devotion to seeing God's glory displayed
 - A. Common purpose was to get God's people and God's city back to a place that spoke of that great God
 - B. All God's people worked together across ages, trades, statuses, etc. in order to advance this purpose
- III. God's people are active in working against Spiritual Warfare
 - A. Psychological Warfare
 1. Responds in prayer
 2. Asking God to hear them and support them
 3. Asking God to maintain His justice to those that oppose Him
 - B. Physical Threats and Personal Discouragement
 1. Nehemiah prays
 2. Personal discouragement because of size of the project
 3. In addition to praying Nehemiah responds by organizing God's people to withstand the attack
 - a. As he does he calls the people to Remember the Lord and their own families
 - b. He also says that "God will fight for us"

Questions

1. Where do we see things inside Christian circles working against community amongst all God's people in the church? Why is this important that all God's people worship together in the local church and not be separated by age/race/gender/etc.?
2. Do you think this sort of unity and common purpose of God's people working together across status for the advancement of God's glory marks the church on the whole today? Why or why not? For those that say that it doesn't what must be done in order to garner unity in the local church?
3. When we use the language of "spiritual warfare" where do we find that warfare occurring and why? Have you ever experienced spiritual warfare? If so, how was your experience in being both proactive and/or reactive like or unlike Nehemiah?
4. How does the work of Christ speak to us in the midst of spiritual warfare?