

## **SHARING**

Hymns (What we're praising God for):

Lessons (What God is teaching us):

Requests (What we're asking God to do):

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## **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

Read the passage (Nehemiah 4:1-23) together and answer the following questions:

1. What stands out most and why?
  2. What does the passage reveal to us about God?
  3. What does the passage reveal to us about ourselves?
  4. What are the immediate application points?
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## **DEEPER DISCUSSION**

1. On Sunday Pastor Matt talked about the effects of emotional/psychological opposition (ridicule and mocking). Share with the group a time when you felt the sting of that kind of opposition? How has it affected you?
2. Why do you think Sanballat and Tobiah were so opposed to the Jews building up the walls of their city?
3. Discouragement starts to move through the workers in verse 10-12, even as great progress was being made on the wall (built up to half its height). What were they discouraged about? How and when are you susceptible to discouragement?
4. What encouragement does Nehemiah give to the discouraged workers (v.14)? How do you maintain your commitment to the Lord when you are burdened by discouragement?
5. Nehemiah and his servants are in a state of readiness (v.23). How can Christians today be prepared and ready to stand against potential attacks from our Enemy? What are our tools and weapons?

Spend some time as a group praying that God would give each of us courage to be faithful to God in the face of opposition and discouragement.