

# How to Tackle a Tough Job Discussion Questions

## Nehemiah 2

### Opening the Discussion

1. What was the best thing that happened to you this past week?
2. Reflecting on the weekend sermon, what grabbed your attention?
3. What's one thing from the message you hope we talk about as a group?

### Growing Deeper - Read verses 1-10

1. What strikes you about the spirituality of Nehemiah?
2. Pastor Brian said that Nehemiah used waiting, trusting, praying, planning, and testifying as necessary tools for the tough job of building the wall. Which of these do you find easier or harder to use? Explain why?
3. What makes it so hard to wait on God's timing? What are the benefits of waiting?
4. How does faith and trust in God conquer fear?
5. Why are prayer and planning equally important when facing a task?
6. What do you think happens in our soul when we take the time to verbally testify to how God is working in our lives?

### Read verses 11-20

7. What are the benefits of taking the time to assess a problem before taking action?
8. Nehemiah took initiative to recruit workers to build the wall. What excuses might the people have given as reasons for not contributing? Which one resonates with you?
9. Pastor Brian said that the central theme of Nehemiah is the "sufficiency of God." What helps you to have confidence in God when facing difficult or troubling issues? How does verse 18 help answer this question?
10. There is always opposition to doing what God wants us to do. How does exalting God help us when facing opposition?
11. Read verse 20. What did Nehemiah say would be the fruit of cooperation? What would be the result of opposition? Why do you think Nehemiah said these words?

### Words to Actions

1. What are your initial fear factors when you are encouraged to give of your time, talents, and treasure in service to God? What are the remedies?
2. What does replenishing your resources look like for you spiritually, emotionally, and physically? Which ones need immediate action?
3. If you were to incorporate the truths of this message, how would this next week be different?