



GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK Jan 30 – Feb 5

MAIN IDEA

As Christians we will both face opposition and have the power to overcome it.

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the “highs & lows” of your week. High: What was the highlight of your week? Low: What was the low point of your week?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

1. How do you respond to conflict or opposition? Why is that?

DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING) 15 min

1. Read Nehemiah 4:1-3. With Nehemiah and the Jewish people attempting a great task, it was natural that everyone wouldn't be on board. What did their opposition look like initially?
2. Have you ever (witnessed or experienced someone doing) done something for the Lord and then face ridicule or negative questions because of the work or plan?
3. Read Nehemiah 4:4-6. How did Nehemiah and the people respond?
4. Read Nehemiah 4:10-12. What did they face halfway through the project?

5. Read Nehemiah 6:15-16. How long did their project take? What were some of the ripple effects of the wall being finished?
6. Read Matthew 10:16-23. Jesus also warned his disciples of the opposition they would face. What do you notice about Jesus' warning?
7. What promises and pieces of advice does Jesus offer?
8. What kind of opposition have you experienced when you have done kingdom work?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

1. Last week we asked about what kind of kingdom work you feel called to. Remind the group what that calling is for you and what steps you are taking in this season to start or continue in that work.
2. What kind of opposition do you expect as you step into this work?
3. How can your faith and community help you to endure through such opposition?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

1. One way to maintain joy in the midst of your kingdom work is to remember why you do it and who you do it for. Stay connected to God through your daily devotional and prayer rhythms this week.
2. If you sense you want to serve in a new way in the body of Christ, now is a perfect time to do so! Check out opportunities at summitnv.org/volunteer or contact our Outreach ministry to ask how you could serve as a group in our community.