

June 21 Discussion Questions:
The Strength of Prayer – Nehemiah 6
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Read Nehemiah 6 together and spend time discussing the following questions together.

- 1. What are some of the distractions (many are not necessarily bad things) that can dominate our time, energy, and focus and keep us from investing our lives in God's plans and purposes?
- 2. What is one distraction Satan uses to entice you and keep you from focusing your energy on what matters most? What can you do to avoid this distraction and keep your eyes and heart on what God wants for you?
- 3. Do we place supreme value on God's work in us and through us? How do we react under repeated opposition or the pressure of uncertainty?
- 4. Are people like Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem trying to hinder your work for God's Kingdom? Are people spreading false rumors or purposely misrepresenting your motives? How should we respond to such people?
- 5. How does your knowledge of the Bible help you to discern whether or not a person's suggestions are valid?
- 6. What are some examples, if any, of external opposition or internal resistance to the ministry at Forward Baptist Church?
- 7. How have you seen God at work among us at our Church? How are you helping point people to Christ? Do you have something that God has been directing and leading you to pray about? Has God been stirring in you a desire to start a ministry or to serve in an existing ministry?
- 8. Read Nehemiah 6:15-16 again as a group and reflect on that passage. How would those who laboured in building the wall together have felt when it was completed?
- 9. How are you making the glory of God know in the neighbourhood around our church? ow are you making the glory of God known in your workplace and family?
- 10. The Gospel is the realization that we are sinful (essentially losing confidence in our own abilities and actions) and in need of a saviour. Jesus, being perfect, died in our place and offers us forgiveness when we put our faith, hope, and trust in him. 1 Peter 2:4-12 talks about individuals being built into the living place in which God dwells. Can people around you see that God lives in you? If they have seen a difference I would encourage you to tell them what that difference is as they may not yet know the name of Jesus or the grace that is available through the cross. People will not know the name of Jesus just by our actions, we need to use words also. Ask God for an opportunity to share the Gospel this week.