



WATKINSVILLE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Week 8 in *Rebuild: A Series through Nehemiah*

As we come to the end of the book of Nehemiah and the rebuilding of the city walls, Nehemiah leaves us with one more key principle for any personal rebuilding project you are attempting: when you rebuild - *leave no room for the enemy*. We find in the final chapter Nehemiah 13 how to wrap up well our rebuilding projects so that they last and bring glory to God..

Discussion Questions

1. What are habits or characteristics of disciplined people you know?
2. Have you ever regretted giving up on something? (Maybe a sports team, a hobby, a project, a career, or a person) Why did you quit? Why do you wish you had stuck with it?
3. What did God teach you through the sermon this weekend?
4. Read Nehemiah 13:1-9, where Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem and found that further reform was necessary to return Israel to following God faithfully.
 - a. What does this passage teach us about God's people?
 - b. How can confrontation be helpful in relationships? How about in your relationship with Jesus?
 - c. Is there a "Tobiah" living in the corner of your closet? What in your life do you need to get rid of that will fight against you in your pursuit of following Jesus? What does it look like for you to *leave no room for the enemy*?
5. Read Nehemiah 13:10-31, which records Nehemiah's encounters with different groups of Israelites that had drifted away from their faith commitments to God.
 - a. What can these encounters teach us about drifting away from following God?
 - b. What are examples of spiritual apathy today?
 - c. How do you fight personal and spiritual apathy?

6. Nehemiah 13:1-2 recall an incident in Israel's history where two nations tried to curse Israel and hinder them, but God turned that curse into a blessing (cf. Numbers 22-25). Read Romans 8:28 and Philippians 1:6.
 - a. When has God been at work in your life for good behind the scenes, where it looked from the outside like he was absent?
 - b. Where in your life do you need reminding that *God is always doing more than we know or understand*?

Closing Quotes

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