

THE WALL

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THE POINT:

**WHEN YOUR BACK'S AGAINST THE WALL,
STAND STRONG AGAINST OPPOSITION**

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our “antennae up”, to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see “The References” section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Name the *worst* microwave meal that you've ever eaten, OR the *best* slow-cooked meal that you've ever eaten.

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Since this series builds on the life of Nehemiah, take a moment to review the story so far, from the beginning of the book of Nehemiah.
- In the Point, we looked at 4 kinds of opposition that Nehemiah faced. Without taking too much time on this, briefly review how he responded to each: *Verbal Attack*; *Physical Attack*; *Internal Attack*; *Social Attack*.
- Thinking about all that Nehemiah has been through so far, how do you think you would have responded to the opposition *if you were him*?
- When we face opposition, the temptation to give up is not usually because we change what we believe, but because it's so hard to stand strong. Read & discuss what these verses say about facing opposition:
 - *Examine It*: 1 Peter 4:14-16
 - *Expect It*: John 15:18-20a; 1 Peter 4:12-13; Mark 14:33-36
 - Take a moment to describe what Jesus was feeling in Mark 14.
 - *It's Worth It!*: 1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9; James 1:12
 - *God's Got It*: 2 Corinthians 4:7-9
- Every time Nehemiah faced opposition, he went to God in prayer about it. As a Pr'me we are in this together and are here for one another, so we're going to close our time praying for each other: What opposition are you facing in your life right now? How can we pray for you? [When each person finishes sharing, ask for a *volunteer* (no pressure) to pray for them right then and there.]

The References

Main Passage: Nehemiah 4:1 – 6:14 (NIV)

...4:8 They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. 9 But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat...

1 Peter 4:14-16 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people's affairs...

John 15:18-20a (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first...

1 Peter 4:12-13 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through...

Mark 14:33-36 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

..."Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

James 1:12 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him .

1 Corinthians 4:7-9 (NIV)

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.