

## Small Group Study Guide

### “Halfway And Hopeless”

Nehemiah 4:1-23

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#### Relate

Take turns in your group discussing a situation where you have worked on a significant project (personally or professionally) and had to pause, course correct, or stop working? What caused the break in productivity? How did you and others feel about it? Did the project eventually get completed?

#### Review

Review what we have covered in Nehemiah thus far.

- The cause of the rebuilding?
- What happened before a stone or tool was picked up?
- How is it possible that the rebuilding is taking place?

Read Nehemiah 4:7-17 together.

How has the opposition grown against the rebuilding? Why?

How do you see the outside opposition affecting the Israelites and their work? Is this a legitimate concern?

Did Nehemiah respond to all the opposition and criticisms?

What may God have done to frustrate the enemy's plot?

#### Dig

Read 1 Peter 3:8-17 and 2 Peter 1:3-11, then discuss the following questions:

1. How should the Christian handle opposition and criticism?
2. What is of greatest importance in the life of a believer?
3. What are the benefits of opposition and hardship?

#### Live

Is there any place in your life where you are “exposed,” or the “wall is low?”

What is your “protection plan?”

How can you “post a guard” and trust God will “fight for us?”