

DISCUSSION GUIDE 8

Nehemiah 5

- 1 **Read Nehemiah 6:1–9.** In your own words, what is happening in this passage? What do you notice about Sanballat's tactics?
- 2 It seems like a simple question, but what is fear? Discuss.
- 3 This next question is a little personal, but what makes you afraid? Are there any areas of your life where you regularly feel fearful?
- 4 Fear often keeps us from doing good things. Why do you think fear can be such a powerful and crippling force?
- 5 What about you? Does fear ever hold you back from anything?
- 6 **Read Nehemiah 6:10–14.** What does Shemaiah tempt Nehemiah with? Why do you think Nehemiah is not afraid?
- 7 Nehemiah fears the Lord. What do you think is the difference between fearing God and fearing man? If you have a hard time coming up with an answer, **read Proverbs 29:25, Deuteronomy 10:12–13, and Matthew 10:28.**
- 8 **Read John 14:27.** Spend some time meditating on Jesus' words in John 14:27. Where is your heart troubled? Confess these things to one another and to God in prayer.

