



Responding to Vision Critics | Nehemiah 4 | October 13th - 19th, 2013

Warm Up: On Sunday it was said “If we ‘vent to God’ we will find it easier to respond to our critics with grace.” Have you found this to be true? How so?

- Silently read through **Nehemiah 4:1-9** on your own. What insights from the Holy Spirit impress you most in these verses? Share.
- It is common to face opposition, criticism, difficulty or obstacles that keep us from living out a God-given vision. In the unfolding of your own God-given vision, what roadblocks are you currently encountering?
- What is Nehemiah’s response to criticism and opposition and why is this so crucial? (**Neh. 4:4-5**)
 - What is so surprisingly realistic about Nehemiah’s prayer?
 - How does this instruct or challenge you personally? (See also **Psalm 5:9** and **54:5**)
- Just because there are obstacles or difficult people that oppose you, does *not* mean your vision is wrong or that you should give up.
 - Do most people give up on their visions too easily in your opinion? Why?
- Our second response to critics ought to lead us to refocus on our vision. (See **Neh. 4:6; 13-14**). Why is this the case?
- Describe ways that you will attempt to accomplish your vision despite the critics.
- Revisions to our visions are often - if not always - required! In **verses 13-23** identify some of the revisions Nehemiah took.
 - Are there any revisions you sense the Lord is asking you to make to your current vision? Share.

Wrap Up: Pray for one another’s visions. If your group is larger, break off into groups of two and pray for one another.