



COMPASS  
CHURCH

**Connection Group Questions**

**October 18, 2020**

**Nehemiah 6:1-14**



**GETTING STARTED:**

1. If you find yourself with “spare time”, what do you do with that time?

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**THE MESSAGE:**

2. Reread Nehemiah 6:1-14. We see some familiar names here—people who have caused trouble with Nehemiah before (both chapter 2 and chapter 4 of Nehemiah). What are they doing this time?

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3. When the plot in Nehemiah 6:2-9 failed, what did they try next (v 10-13)?

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4. What were Pastor Mike’s main points in his message this weekend?

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5. What was the significance of the “open” or “unsealed” letter in Nehemiah 6:5?

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6. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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**A DEEPER DIVE...**

7. Reread Nehemiah 6:10-13 and then Numbers 18:7. Nehemiah had legitimate reasons to be afraid (Nehemiah 6:2) but when Shemaiah told him to hide in the temple, immediately Nehemiah knew that Shemaiah wasn't really a prophet from God. How did he know? Nehemiah would not allow fear—even fear for his life—to drive him to sin. Why do you think that was?

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**MY LIFE:**

8. Are you clear about the “work” God has called you to? If not, how do you think you could gain more clarity?

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9. Over and over again, Nehemiah has to fight distractions continue the work on the wall. There have been threats of invasion (Nehemiah 4), famine and internal discord (Nehemiah 5) and now in chapter 6, Nehemiah faces threats to both his life and his reputation. Have you ever faced continued opposition on something you felt God led you to do? How did you stay focused on the vision?

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10. We see Nehemiah pray multiple times throughout these first 6 chapters. How do you think that impacted his ability to continue the work? Is prayer a significant part of your own efforts to stay “on task” in your own walk of faith?

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