



COMPASS
CHURCH

Connection Group Questions
September 20, 2020
Nehemiah 4:1-14



GETTING STARTED:

1. What is the scariest thing you've ever done for fun? Would you do it again?

THE MESSAGE:

2. Reread chapter 4:1-14. Who were Sanballat and Tobiah (see also Nehemiah 2:9-10 and Nehemiah 2:19-20)? Why were they mocking the effort to rebuild the wall?

3. How does Nehemiah respond?

4. Pastor Ronn mentions 4 areas critics will attack. What were they?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5. What four ways did Pastor Ronn suggest we handle critics?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

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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7. Reread Nehemiah’s prayer in Nehemiah 4:4-6. Are you surprised by Nehemiah’s tone here? Read Psalm 69:22-24 and then Romans 12:17-21. Compare these three Scriptures. What do we learn here about praying when we are angry or frustrated?

MY LIFE:

8. Have you ever received a criticism from someone that caused you to change your plans or even abandon a vision you had for your life? Looking back, was the criticism legitimate or was it untrue? Do you wish you’d reacted differently?

9. Would you say the vision and plans you have for your life are inspired by obedience to *God’s* plan for your life, or your own plans? How might that affect your response to critics?

10. In looking at the four ways Pastor Ronn suggested that we handle the critics in our lives (question 5), are you already doing any of these things? Which of these are harder for you? Which come more naturally? How can we pray for you?
