**Messages Series: Building the Kingdom Together**

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**I Won’t Come Down**

Nehemiah 6

**Key Truth**: It is **impossible** to do the will of God and not face **attacks**.

**How the Enemy Works:**

2 Corinthians 2:5-11, Ephesians 6:10-11

1. Deception

2. Intimidation

3. Character assassinations

4. He places spies and false prophets on the inside.

 Matthew 16:21-23; 26:14-16

**How Disciples Respond To Attacks:**

1. Don’t spend too much time answering your critics.

2. Don’t stoop to their level.

3. Rely upon God’s strength not your own.

4. Use God given discernment when taking advice from

 others.

5. Persevere despite attacks in order to accomplish the

 mission.

**Conclusion:** Dedicate your life to Jesus Christ and His mission in the world.

**Connection Group Study Questions**

**Quick Review:** Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read Matthew 5:11-12: No matter how mature we are insults and personal attacks still hurt. However Jesus tells us how to respond in a Christ-like manner. Does this seem difficult? Why or why not? How have you handled criticism in the past?

2. Read 2 Peter 2:1-3: Why is it so important to develop discernment in an age where false prophets are running rampant? What is the motivation of false prophets? Have we seen any of this in our day?

3. Read Hebrews 5:11-14/1 Peter 2:1-3. Why is discipleship so important in the life of a disciple? What key ingredient is needed for maturity to take place? What are you doing to continually mature in Christ?

4. Read Nehemiah 6:15 and 1 Corinthians 15:58: God has not asked any of us to go build a wall. But He has asked every one of us to be involved in ministry. How are you involved in ministry at Beyond the Walls? What is needed for you get involved?

5. Read Galatians 6:9: Nehemiah and the people dealt with attacks and criticism yet managed to persevere. Has there ever been a time where the pressure or attacks were so hard that you wanted to quit? Why or why not?