

Nehemiah: Commitment to Task

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I. Introduction.

- A. Truth is defended by a loving outreach not a fortress mentality.
- B. Ministry is about hearing, seeing, gazing upon and handling as an instrument of grace. (I John 1:1)

II. Nehemiah faced obstacles in ministry.

- A. Distraction from the mission. Jesus' mission was to train men. (John 17:4)
- B. Verbal abuse.
- C. Covetousness in the community. (Deuteronomy 17)
- D. Invitation to join another committee.
- E. Slander. (Isaiah 54:17)
- F. Unwise counsel. We need to be courageous in the face of tribulation.

III. Life is all about helping people with their relationship with God. (John 8:31-32, 13:34-35, 15:7-8)

- A. We can help people spend time in the Bible.
- B. Fun is essential for discipleship.

Application questions:

1. Which one of the obstacles do you relate to the most? Why?

2. What is your experience with unwise counsel? Explain.

3. How can you maximize your discipleship relationships with others?
