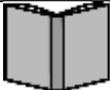




## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

13-06-2021		The race isn't over, till it's over	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> Watch: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWa9iYYPYF4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWa9iYYPYF4</a> Tangu Pepiot's premature celebration in the 3,000m steeplechase. The race isn't over till it's over!		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What have you started but not quite finished yet? <input type="checkbox"/> Are you more a 'starter' or a 'finisher'? <input type="checkbox"/> How do you motivate yourself/ keep your focus to keep going until completion?		
 Read	<b>Nehemiah 6:1-19</b>	 Listen again	<a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch</a> <a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks</a>
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.1: What would knowing the basic structure was now completed have done for Nehemiah? The people of Jerusalem? The Enemy? <input type="checkbox"/> v.2: Why was this meeting a tactic of the Enemy? Have you ever found "Let's have <i>another</i> meeting" is really about delaying/ thwarting what's needed? <input type="checkbox"/> v.3-4: How did Nehemiah maintain focus? Why was this so important? <input type="checkbox"/> v.5-7: What was an ' <u>unsealed letter</u> ' intended to do? What's the equivalent today? Why do some resort to " <i>..and, what's more, others agree with me</i> "? <input type="checkbox"/> v.9: Have you, like Nehemiah, prayed a defiant prayer? When? Why? What? <input type="checkbox"/> v.10-13: Why was Shemaiah's apparent 'concern' for Nehemiah's wellbeing, really about his own agenda? How do you tell the difference between the two? <input type="checkbox"/> v.14-15: What was Nehemiah's response to intimidation? <input type="checkbox"/> v.15: What does completing the wall in just 52 days say to us? <input type="checkbox"/> v.17-19: What were 'men under oath' attempting to do? Why was this incompatible with Nehemiah's God-given mission and ministry?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Acts 4:1-31: What was happening to Peter and John? How did they, and the other believers, respond? What would <i>you</i> have prayed? <input type="checkbox"/> When it comes to religious persecution, why do we (who don't experience it) often pray for it to stop, whilst believers who do experience it more often pray for strength, grace, even joy, to endure it?		
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> How do <i>you</i> respond to intimidation?		
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Finish a task! What have you started but not yet completed? Just do it!		
 Pray	<i>Dear God,</i> <i>Thank you for the leading me/ us to _____. Help me/ us to keep _____. When I/ we feel tired or distracted help me/us to _____. Direct me, as You will, to _____. Please give me/ us extra _____ to enable me/ us to _____. May Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done... Amen.</i>		



My questions:

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