



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

So The Wall Was Finished (Nehemiah 6:1-7:4)

The narrative returns to the building of the wall of Jerusalem.

Read Nehemiah 6:1-14

1. What strategies did Nehemiah's enemies use to try to stop the work on the wall?
2. What did they hope Nehemiah would be afraid of? (v9,13) Why did they want to make him afraid?
3. How did Nehemiah respond to each attack?
4. How did Nehemiah pray?
5. ***Have you ever experienced opposition to the work of the Gospel in your ministry? What strategies did people use? Did you persevere, or give in to fear?***

Read Nehemiah 6:15-7:4

6. Once the wall was completed, what was the response of the enemies?
7. What suggestions are there of ongoing opposition?
8. What qualities did Nehemiah look for in the leaders he appointed?
9. Can you think of times when Jesus faced distraction, defamation, or deception as he went about his mission? [See for example Mark 1:32-39; Mark 3:1-6; Mark 3:22-27; Mark 8:31-33; Mark 11:27-28; Hebrews 12:3.]
10. ***How can we encourage one another to keep persevering in Gospel mission?***

Bonus: Read 2 Corinthians 6:3-10 for Paul's description of his life in ministry.