

**Study Questions for the August 16, 2020 Sermon:
“Overcoming Fear”
Nehemiah 6**

1. Early in the sermon, Pastor Paul commented that fear energizes us physically and mentally. It is good for an emergency response, and horrible as a lifestyle. Can you recall any verses that encourage believers to reject fear as a lifestyle?
2. One healthy response to fear is to don the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18). Of what does the full armor consist?
3. Chapter 6 gives several examples of Nehemiah's enemies offering him advice. How did Nehemiah respond?
4. Nehemiah had powerful enemies in the surrounding territories and also enemies among his fellow Hebrews. Most leaders will state that treachery (people within your organization that are undermining your mission) has the most potential for damage. Verse 10 records an act of treachery?
 - a. Why was Shemaiah's advice bad?
 - b. How did Nehemiah deal with it?
5. Hebrews 5:14 refers to “those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” Share a situation in which the right choice was not obvious and you had to exercise discernment.
6. If we have determined God's calling for our lives, and are attempting to carry it out, we probably have to deal with lies, slander, intimidation, and treachery. What are strategies for remaining faithful, while under this onslaught, to our calling.
7. Pastor Paul challenged us to learn our mission, share it with a fellow believer, and ask for prayer support. If you did that, please share your story.