0QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you slandered by another

 person. What, if anything, did you do about it?

2. Why are people so inclined to listen to gossip?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Scripture says about

 slander:

 a) Exodus 20:16

b) Psalm 101:5

c) Proverbs 10:18

 d) Matthew 5:11

e) Colossians 3:8

 f) I Peter 2:1

g) I Peter 3:16

4. Why is it ironic that Sanballat and his friends were accusing

 Nehemiah of appointing prophets to support a rebellion?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to make a commitment not to gossip about others and not to listen to gossip.
* I am going to ask God to help me be a peacemaker. (Mt 5:9)
* I am going to memorize Proverbs 26:20.

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Nehemiah 6:5-9 Study Series #12

***Opposition through Slander***

**I. Introduction**

 A. Misrepresenting the Truth

 B. The Fifth Letter

(See Nehemiah 4:10-15; Nehemiah 6:1-4; Nehemiah 6:5)

**II. Opposition Through Slander**

 A. Sanballat Sends an Open Letter

 (See Nehemiah 6:5; Jeremiah 32:44; I Kings 21:8; Esther 3:10;

 Esther 8:8-10; Nehemiah 6:4; Nehemiah 6:5; Nehemiah 6:17;

 Nehemiah 6:19)

 B. The Slanderous Report

 (See Nehemiah 6:6-7; Leviticus 19:16; Psalm 101:5;

 Ezra 4:6-23; Nehemiah 5:14; Zechariah 9:9;

 Nehemiah 6:10-12)

 C. The Threat of Sanballat

 (See Nehemiah 6:7)

 “He who neither cares to please men nor fears to displease

 them will enjoy great peace.”

 *Thomas à Kempis, The Imitation of Christ*

 D. The Response of Nehemiah

 (See Nehemiah 6:8; Proverbs 28:1; Exodus 21:23-25;

 Romans 12:19; Proverbs 26:20; Nehemiah 6:9)

 E. The Prayer of Nehemiah

 (See Nehemiah 6:9; Acts 3:1-4:31; Acts 4:29; Acts 4:31;

 II Corinthians 12:9)

**III. Conclusion**

 “Slander slays three people: the speaker, the spoken to, and the

 one spoken of.” *Hebrew Proverb*

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

Nehemiah 6:5-9

**5**Then Sanballat sent his servant to me in the same manner a fifth time with an open letter in his hand.

**6**In it was written, “It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu says, that you and the Jews are planning to rebel; therefore, you are rebuilding the wall. And you are to be their king, according to these reports. **7**You have also appointed prophets to proclaim in Jerusalem concerning you, ‘A king is in Judah!’ And now it will be reported to the king according to these reports. So come now, let us take counsel together.”

**8**Then I sent *a message* to him saying, “Such things as you are saying have not been done, but you are inventing them in your own mind.”

**9**For all of them were *trying* to frighten us, thinking, “They will become discouraged with the work, and it will not be done.” But now, *O God*, strengthen my hands.

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