

Answering the Call

Part 6: Dealing With False Accusation (Nehemiah 6:1-9)

Launch

When confronted, what is your first instinct: fight or flight?

Explore

Read the passage

What was Nehemiah accused of?

How did he respond to these accusations?

Read 1 Peter 2:21-23

How is Jesus the perfect model for how to deal with false accusations?

Apply

Why do people try to damage the reputation of their enemies? What are some of the heart-level motivations behind spreading rumors?

What is the mission of the church? What are some “shadow mission” issues that distract us from staying on task?

Sometimes we have blind spots, character issues in our lives that require other people to reveal to us. So how can we really know if an accusation is false or a blind spot that we need to deal with?

Describe a time when you were falsely accused of something. How did you respond? If the same thing happened tomorrow, would you handle it differently?

Pray

Pray that, when facing lies about our actions or character, we would stay on mission and trust God to defend our reputation.