

Review:

Lesson 1: God's Callings

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Finishing Well

Nehemiah 6:10-19

For those who pursue God's callings with _____, _____, and a fear of the Lord, there is discernment and spiritual protection available. God's assignments done in God's ways and in God's timing enjoy God's protection.

Discussion 1. Has God ever protected you from deception or from falling into a trap? To you, what role does prayer play in that protection?

When our opposition comes from those who claim to be speaking for God, it requires an extra level of spiritual discernment which only comes from a disciplined _____ with God Himself.

Discussion 2. For you, what does "disciplined intimacy with God" look like? If you were to want more time like that during your week, what would your first steps be towards it?

When we undertake an assignment from God, whether as an individual, a church, or a nation, we should expect a God-sized outcome, one which points clearly to _____ as opposed to human achievement.

Discussion 3. Can you recall a circumstance in your own life that was clearly and indisputably God's hand at work? What are the kinds of things in our lives that only God can accomplish or bring about?

Political games and smear campaigns are ways of the world. They are manifestations of the powers of this world seeking to control and to influence. They have no place in _____ nor in the carrying out of God's assignments.

Discussion 4. Have you ever been the victim of a smear campaign? If so, what did God teach you through it? Do you think it is possible for genuine Christ followers to engage in political games professionally? Why or why not?