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 Speaker: Dr. John Repsold  
 Nehemiah 6:15-7:73

### Weaving a Fabric of Strength

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#### Group Study Questions:

1. What can you point to in your life, history or experience that you would say was clearly accomplished due to "the help of our God"? (c.f. Nehemiah 6:16)
2. Even during the miraculous rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls in just 52 days, there were ongoing struggles with long-standing, unholy alliances between families (see Nehemiah 6:17-19.) What are some of the "unholy alliances" with character defects, sins or patterns that have existed in your family (natural or spiritual) background that may still be affecting your ability to move forward into spiritual strength? What do you think you should do to break those old "alliances"?
3. Nehemiah 7 gives a number of "fibers of strength" that ran through the cloth of God's people committed to rebuilding their nation's life. Discuss each of them and how they relate to the present status of a.) your personal life, b.) our church life and c.) our national life.
  - A. 7:1 tells of appointed gatekeepers, singers and Levites. The Temple/spiritual leaders were assigned security positions along the wall. Who or what are the gatekeepers and spiritual leaders in a.), b.) & c.) above? How strong is the protection? What might need to change to in how we guard the perimeter of a, b & c?
  - B. 7:2 speaks of a passing of leadership from Nehemiah to others. What can we do to insure that the next generation of leaders in b) and c) are godly?
  - C. 7:3-4 talk about adjustments to business, commerce and security that needed to be made because there was a shortage of residents. As our small, growing fellowship of Mosaic seeks to rebuild and protect our city spiritually, what do you think are the most important protective actions we can take spiritually?
  - D. 7:5-68 list tons of people, families and places (similar to Ezra 2). If the same kind of list were made of the people of God in Spokane who are here to build God's kingdom, what role (s) would you like it to record that you are involved in for our King?
  - E. 7:70-72 record the ongoing generosity of God's people towards the maintenance and progress of the nations' spiritual life. If God is keeping a book of our giving to the progress of the spiritual life of our nation, what would you like it to record about your giving practices? Mosaic's?