

**Covenant Community Groups – Interactive Study Guide
Week of November 23, 2008**

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- What effect does your focus have on discouragement? If all you see are problems, what happens to your faith?
- What role does fear play in discouragement? Nehemiah feared God more than he feared his circumstances. How did that help him persevere?
- How do you overcome discouragement? How do you help others do the same?
- How does knowing God's character, work and word transform you into a person of perseverance?

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