

NEHEMIAH

when love dares
you to move

Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 3 Nehemiah 3 – Sept. 19, 2021

Helpful Resources

Check out one or more of these helpful overview videos of Nehemiah:

1) <https://bit.ly/1Nehemiah>; 2) <https://bit.ly/2Nehemiah>; 3) <https://bit.ly/3Nehemiah3>.

Be Determined by Warren Wiersbe - <https://bit.ly/DeterminedBe>

Nehemiah: LifeGuide Bible Studies by Don Fields - <https://bit.ly/DonFields>

Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!



KNOW:

- Think of a time someone served you at great cost to themselves, and how that made you feel. Share with the group.
- Describe something you have recently built or put together. What was challenging about it? What was fun about it?
- What do you think is the greatest team of all time? Which sport was it? What made them such a great team?
- Describe a time whenever you succeeded at a big home repair project. Describe a time when you completely failed a home repair project.
- What are the difficulties of working on a project alone, compared to the benefits of working on a project with a team?
- What is the largest gathering of people you have been a part of (football game, Promise Keepers, etc.)? What was the purpose?



GROW:

- Take a few minutes to read chapter 3 together as a group. Yes, it is a list of all the work that took place. Keep an eye out for anything that sticks out to you. Anything that impacts you. God's word is powerful.
- Read Chapter 3:1. What role did the priests play in rebuilding the wall? Talk about the importance of setting a good example with your work. Contrast the priests' actions with those of the men of Tekoa discussed in Chapter 3:5. How were they different than the priests in verse 1?
- Nehemiah 3:5 describes some who were not willing to serve by rebuilding the wall and gates. Why do you think this verse was included in the text? What significance does it have?
- Arthur Ashe Jr, a famous American tennis player, said "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." What similarity do you see between his quote and verse 10, 28, and 30? What was significant about this approach to rebuilding the wall?
- Take a few minutes to read and reflect on Psalm 62. How does this psalm expand on the picture of God's faithfulness in the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem?
- It's reasonable to imagine some jobs in the rebuilding process were more desirable or admirable than others. In what ways do the scriptures address the variety of body parts in the church and the value of each member?
- How does the rebuilding of the wall in Jerusalem portray the redemption of Jesus on the cross?



SHOW:

- What kind of builder are you? Do you build your life to make a name for yourself or to glorify the name of God? How should the way believers handle money, relationships and time reflect their desire to build God's kingdom rather than their own?
- Verse 12 shows that families of all kinds were involved in this rebuilding process. Take advantage of this discipleship process by including your kids in D-Group service projects rather than using them as an out. What can your D-Group do to serve as families?
- The life of a believer is a life marked by service. In Matthew 20:28, Jesus clearly states that he did not come to be served, but to serve. Think about Jesus' words, then examine your own personal life and the life of your group. Do they reflect the teaching and the heart of Jesus, or is there a need for course correction?
- God has a long, rich history of restoring what is broken. What might God's act of restoration in your own life – along with the model of Nehemiah rebuilding the wall – lead you to do to participate in the restoration of someone else?
- Pray together as a group using these prompts as a guide. Be intentional in your prayer.
 - *Thank the Father that He knows you by name. Thank Him for uniquely gifting you and placing you to build at your appointed spot.*
 - *Ask the Lord to give you the patience, compassion, and humility to work well with your fellow builders of God's kingdom. Ask Him to help you love them as you love yourself.*
 - *Confess to the Lord where you have attempted to build a name for yourself. Ask Him to make His name the motivation and object of all your efforts.*