

Nehemiah: The Heart of a Builder
“The Power of Everybody”
Nehemiah 3

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Principles For People:

1. God works through all kinds of people. (8)
2. Leaders must lead. (1)
3. Some people will refuse to work. (5)
4. Some people do more work than others. (5, 27, 18, 24)
5. Some people work with passion. (20)
6. Some people will work from home. (10)
7. Some people work in family units. (12)
8. Some work is less desirable than other work. (14)

Followup Discussion Questions:

1. What are the major groups of people who work at rebuilding the wall? What's the place of women in this work (12)?
2. What principle above resonates with you? In what ways are you like or unlike those people listed? What part of the work would you work on?
3. What are occupations listed? What does it have to do with a sense of team?
4. What is motivating people to work on their part of the wall?

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5. How have you seen natural progression happen in a spiritual project in church? (Eg. Prayer ... vision ... strategy ... developing unity and team doing the work)
 6. How might we be more effective in empowering people to minister? What barriers are there to people stepping up to serve? What moves you to minister in our spiritual community?

Principles & Questions For Leaders:

1. The size of the project determines the size of the organization. How does Nehemiah avoid doing things all by himself? How does he appropriately use resources?
2. In what ways is Nehemiah wise in creating different teams to come together to build?
3. He connects his air war (preaching in Ch. 2) and his ground war (team building in Ch. 3). How is this to happen for healthiness in our local church?
4. Nehemiah works on the organization and not just in it. Notice Nehemiah himself is not working in detail of the wall. He doesn't assign himself a part of the wall. How does he work on it though not in it? In what ways do we need to stop working in our lives and take time to work on it?
5. Nehemiah must have reused old stones from the broken down wall. How might we do this in our lives? In our church or ministry?