

A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of May 31, 2020

They Repaired

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Nehemiah 3:1-32](#)

Nehemiah surveys the rubble of Jerusalem's walls and issues a call to God's people: "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision" (2:17). He gives no promise of fame or prosperity, no special accommodations for the wealthy or the powerful, just a call for all to come and build. They place themselves along the walls, working steadily to restore the good Name of their God.

- Rather than carefully record names and details about the builders of the wall, Nehemiah could have simply written, "And many people from all walks of life rose up to rebuild the wall." Why do you think the Spirit prompted him to **include these details**? What can we **learn about God** from this careful listing?
- Nehemiah does not list his own name in this record. **Why?**
- Nehemiah details interesting facts about the **vocations** and **relationships** of those who built the wall. Skim through the chapter and **note some of those**.
- Nehemiah employs workers from all walks of life – including those who would have been suited for heavy labor and those who would have not. Have you ever refused to participate in ministry saying, "That's not really my area of gifting"? **Is such an excuse ever valid?**
- Is everyone in the area eager to help with the building? **Who refrains** from joining the project (5)? What is their **motive** for not participating? Nehemiah could have left out this detail. **Why does he include it?**
- What **idea is repeated** in vv.1, 3, 6, 13, 14 and 15? How many gates stood without any type of door or lock?
- In order to give ourselves to the building of God's Kingdom we need to honor the unique contributions of people as well our unified, common goal. What is **your unique contribution**? When do you know **partnership in the Gospel**? Take a risk this week and **let someone know how the Holy Spirit is using** them in God's Kingdom.
- The life of a believer is the life of a builder. **What building project does Jesus describe in [Matthew 7:24-27](#)**? What is the **foundation**? The **building**?

Pray in response to God's Word.

- *Thank the Father that He knows you by name. Thank Him for His providence in gifting people for His mission.*
- *Ask the Lord to give you love, patience, compassion, and humility in the work of the Kingdom.*
- *Confess to the Lord where you have attempted to build a name for yourself. Ask God to make His Name glorious.*