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REQUIREMENTS AND REALITIES OF REBUILDING FOR GOD

(How a Work of God Takes Off)

NEHEMIAH 3

WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

Have you experienced the joy of working with many people on a grand project? Share your experience with the group. What made the experience enjoyable?

WORSHIP: Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- Take My Life and Let it Be
- Make Me a Servant
- I Offer My Life

WORD: Understanding the Word

LESSON AIM

1. Members will see that God will provide people to do His work.
2. Members will be encouraged to contribute to God's work around them.

INTRODUCTION

Nehemiah had spurred the people to work on the wall of Jerusalem in the previous chapter. He showed them their current situation and how God was at work to rebuild the city's walls. Now we see the people working together to accomplish that goal. Let's take a look at what we can learn from their experience.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

1. Who were the first people listed as those who worked on the wall? (v. 1)
2. What was the attitude of the Tekoite nobles regarding the rebuilding of the wall? (v. 5)
3. What kind of people joined in the work of rebuilding?
4. How did the families contribute to the work? (vv. 12, 23, 28-29)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

1. The high priest led in the rebuilding of the wall. Among those who joined the work were rulers of different districts. What can we learn from their example?
2. All sorts of people with different kinds of professions join together in rebuilding the wall. On the other hand, the nobles of the Tekoites refused to participate in the work. What can we learn from this regarding working together as a team?
3. Families also worked together on the wall to protect their homes. What advantage is there when families work together?

WALK: Applying the Word

APPLICATIONS

- CHILDREN -

1. Everyone was involved in building the walls of Jerusalem – even people of different jobs and backgrounds. Some even did more rebuilding than others because they wanted to help more. How can you help out in your family?
2. The nobles refused to help in the building. What excuses do you make in not obeying God or obeying your parents? What can you do to be more consistent in your obedience to God and your parents?
3. It took everyone to help rebuild the wall. Building a deeper relationship with Jesus in your family involves everyone. How can you help your family fall more in love with Jesus?

- YOUTH -

1. Shallum and his daughters helped to rebuild the wall. Can you contribute to a ministry to serve alongside your parents? How can you help your family build a deeper spiritual relationship with Jesus? In other words, how can you help your family to grow spiritually in Christ?
2. The rebuilding involved neighbors and families. How can you be involved in what others are doing for God? What is keeping you from doing so?
3. Sometimes we make excuses not to be involved in God's will, as we saw with the nobles. An excuse we make sometimes is not wanting to work with others, especially when we feel we are "above" them. How can you guard yourself against having such an attitude?

WALK: Applying the Word

- ADULTS -

1. It is easy to say, “That’s not my job” or “I am not good at it” as excuses for not serving God or even in discipling others. What are some excuses you make for not being involved in ministry (either in and out of church)?
2. The rebuilding of the wall involved the entire community, except for the nobles who refused to. What is your excuse for not being involved in the community? How can you be more involved in your family, neighborhood, Growth Group, or discipleship relationships?
3. We saw in today’s passage how God used people of all backgrounds to accomplish His will. How can this affect the way you relate with others of different backgrounds, ages, etc.?

- COMMUNAL -

1. We often feel that we are limited in what we can do for God, yet the people in today’s passage helped build the wall despite not being trained for wall building. How can you be involved in what your community or church is doing for God right now?
2. As people of influence, especially through social media, we should take the lead in building God’s kingdom. What ministry can you do in your community that can lead the way to empower others to serve too?
3. Family is important to us, but we tend to separate our families from our service to God. How can you serve God in your family?

WALK: Applying the Word




- GLOBAL -

1. Even those who were not skilled in building contributed to the rebuilding of the wall in Jerusalem. What can you do to contribute to building God's Kingdom in your area of influence?
2. Those in authority demonstrated servant's hearts. As people who have influence, especially through social media, how can we demonstrate a servant's heart?
3. Some nobles resisted helping to build the wall. What are excuses you make to avoid helping further God's kingdom globally? How can you counter them?



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