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Title: Rise Up & Build

Scriptures: Nehemiah 3:1-5

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Greetings and Opening Prayer

Let's Talk

- **Start with an Ice Breaker question (choose one or more from the list below)**
- **Share Praise Reports**
- **Check in - How's Your Week?**

Read Nehemiah 3:1-5 and supporting scriptures

1. Show up! – Nehemiah 3:2-5
 - a. With something to contribute. Bring your 'A' game. Be invested.
 - b. Must have CE qualities
 - i. Close enough to the damage.
 - ii. Care enough about the damage.
 - iii. Committed enough to fix the damage.
 - c. We can't be there, but not all the way there. There, but not invested.
 - d. You can only build with those who show up invested; don't give a lot of attention/energy to those who show up, but don't work.
2. Organize! – Nehemiah 3:1; Habakkuk 2:2; Proverbs 29:18
 - a. Nehemiah focused on the gates. The gates are our security against attacks. If you fix everything else, but leave your gates unrepaired, everything you have built will be torn down again.
 - b. Nehemiah organized first around the priests; pastors, ministers, spiritual leaders must show up and go to work. They are needed to lead by example and not just words, and are there to fend off spiritual attacks.
 - c. Must have a plan. Organize your plan around a vision.
3. Be the Possible! – Genesis 1:1-2; Genesis 2:7; Zechariah 4:6-9; Romans 8:28
 - a. Nehemiah had a connection with God. The Spirit of God was with him.
 - b. Nehemiah saw challenges, but also opportunities; problems, but solutions; burdens, but the burden lifter.
 - c. You can only 'be the possible,' when you show up with the Spirit of God in you.

Let's Dig (You do not have to answer all the questions. Choose a few.)

- In your own words, what is the overall message of the passage?
- What stands out to you as we read the Scriptures?
- Why do you think the Lord thought it was necessary to include these verses in the Bible?
- Have you had someone in your life that modeled the principles in this passage? Explain.



- Can you think of a situation or circumstance in your own life where you experienced what these verses are teaching?
- What are some of the benefits of applying these verses to your life?
- What are some of the obstacles to applying these verses to your life?

Let's Act

- As we've been discussing this, what is the Holy Spirit showing you personally?
- How can you apply what you've learned from this lesson in your daily life?
- What practical actions are you inspired to take from the Scriptures studied in this lesson?

Prayer Needs

- **Prayer requests**
- **Closing prayer**



Ice Breaker Questions (Utilize these or create your own)

What are you thankful for today?

What is one thing you're looking forward to?

What is one fact about yourself that might surprise people?

What is one thing you like to do in your free time?

What is an activity or sport that you enjoy, and what do you enjoy about it?

What is an accomplishment that gives you pleasure? Explain why.

What advice would you give yourself as a new Christian?

Describe someone who had a great impact on your life.

What quality do you appreciate most in a friend?

If you knew you could not fail and money were no object, what would you like to do in the next five years?