

Reconstructing with Unlikely Builders (Nehemiah 3)
REBUILD: A STUDY OF NEHEMIAH
Small Group Discuss Questions

Identify some ways that people seek to be part of a bigger purpose?
How have you sought to be part of a bigger purpose?

Read Nehemiah 3:1-12

- What do you notice about the list?
- Why is the work done by the people sometimes described as “built” and other times described as “repaired”?
- Is there a formula or pattern for how the list of people is stated?
- What are some unique characteristics of the builders mentioned?
- What are some unique characteristics of the work done? (ie. Some did not live in Jerusalem. Some were women. Some belonged to guilds.)

Read Nehemiah 3:28-29

- What phrase is repeated?
- Why is it important that people were working “opposite their house?”

Read Nehemiah 3:1 and 3:32.

- What is repeated? Why is that significant?

Why were these people willing to lay aside their work and help build the wall?

- See Nehemiah 2:17-18

Why is this passage significant to us? How does the menial work of rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem relate to God’s bigger purpose in the world?

APPLICATION

What should we do in light of this passage? What would it mean for you to “*Find your place on the wall?*”

Ask and answer these two questions to see if they can help you “*Find your place on the wall.*”

- What are you good at?
- What do you care about?

How do answers to these questions help you find a way to connect with something bigger than yourself?

Have you found your place to serve in the church? Where do you serve?

Ask those who serve in the church to share with the group how their service gives them a sense of being part of a bigger purpose.