



Message Discussion Questions

1/22/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story: Nehemiah

WEEK:#3

MESSAGE: Many Hands Make Light Work

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CENTRAL TEXT/S: Nehemiah 3; 6:15

CHECKING IN: How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's discussion?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: Choose questions that will work best for your group. Feel free to add to or ask a question in a different way than is written.

1. Name a successful sports team. What made them successful? Can you provide some examples?
2. Share a story about a project you were part of that took longer than originally planned. How do you handle those situations? Did you do this project alone or with a team?
3. The statement was made: "If you want to accomplish all God has for you, you can't do it alone." Do you believe this principle? Why are we prone to do things on our own instead of asking others for help? What is one example of this from your life?
4. Name some teams we see in the Bible. How were they better together? How did those teams accomplish more together and move the mission of God forward?
5. How can pride play a role in not asking others for help? How many of you feel you do most things better on your own so you don't involve others? How many of you feel you don't want to be a bother or "they" are too busy so you don't ask others for help? What would be some examples?
6. In what area/s in your life do you find yourself in need of others? Who do you know would make a great team member in your life? Why would you want to add them to your team?
7. In Nehemiah 3:1, The high priest is the first person mentioned who pitched in and helped with the work. As a spiritual leader (in your home, in your work, in your church), describe some ways that you can lead not only by word, but by action (*lead by example*).
8. Read Philippians 1:6. When God plants an idea in your mind to accomplish something for him, he equips you (often with the help of others) to be able to complete the task. Think of an example of this from your own life and share it with our group.
9. Read Nehemiah 6:15. Finishing the wall in 52 days was a miracle and a mighty move of God. Share a miracle or mighty move of God you heard about or experienced personally. How has this miracle or move of God added to your faith?
10. Read Ephesians 4:11-13. The work of the church requires the use of every member's gifts, talents and experiences in order for the body of Christ to function effectively. We, the church, are a team! What does Paul say is the role of leaders in the church? What does he say is one end goal? How can the people in your group, your "team" help make these end goals happen?
11. Read Mathew 6:18-19. What was Jesus' first course of action before he recruited his early disciples? How does he recruit them to be part of his team? What is the vision he casts before them? Why do you think his vision to be "fishers of people" was so compelling to Peter and Andrew?



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12. Jesus casts vision to us in Matthew 22:37-39 and 28:19-20. In fact, we are here as a result of people carrying out his vision. Specifically, what do you read in these two passages that reflect the heart of Jesus and the vision he casts here? What steps will you take as a group to carry out his vision through you?

TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE! What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion? Be specific. Try attaching a name and date to your action step.

1. _____.

WANT TO GROW DEEPER? We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out and explore the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/grow or *Experience God* on the App.

GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church



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