

Finding Your Place in the Rebuilding Work | Nehemiah 3 | Kyle Reno | September 13, 2026

Main Idea:

To be revival ready and part of the rebuilding work of God, we must find our place, know our people, and faithfully do our part.

Opening:

We have been on a journey toward being a people who are revival ready.

This week becomes very practical.

If we want to be ready for the rebuilding work of God and positioned for His outpouring, it will require awareness and alignment.

Text:

Nehemiah 3:1-4

Observation:

Nehemiah lists the individuals, families, tribes, and where they served in the rebuilding work.

The repeated phrase is “next to him” or “next to them.”

They knew who was working next to them.

They did not know everyone, but they knew some of the people they were working with.

They had lived near these people but had not intentionally worked with them to build a future together.

They were rebuilding a wall that represented God’s protection and a temple that represented God’s presence.

In 52 days, the work would reestablish God’s people and impact generations.

But it started with everyone finding their place and their people.

Question:

Who are your “next to them” families?

Who are the people you know you are in the work of the Kingdom of God with?

The Local Church:

The local church is the local expression of God's forever family.

Ephesians 2:19

We are no longer strangers and foreigners.

We are citizens with God's people.

We are members of God's family.

Crossgates is not just a service to attend.

It is a family to be part of.

And we have a family business: advancing the Kingdom.

For over 50 years, families have lined up on the wall of this work to bless this region and the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

None of us will be here forever, but while we are here, we need to know we are part of this work.

Why Membership Matters:

Membership matters because we need to know you have identified with this family.

You need to keep taking steps to know who you are family with.

Hebrews 13:17

Leaders keep watch over souls and will give an account.

Pastors will give an account for the people entrusted to them.

Each person will give an account for their part in the work.

Practical next step:

Foundations.

Take the initiative to sign up.

Question:

What does "next to them" work look like for us?

Since we are not literally rebuilding walls, what does this work look like now?

1. Pray Your Part

Isaiah 62:6-7

God sets watchmen on the walls.

They do not stay silent.

They give Him no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

We talk about prayer often.

The hope is that more people are actually praying.

God placed us next to each other in this work.

He placed us as watchmen and women on the walls.

You can pray prayers others cannot pray.

You can see things others cannot see.

We are called to pray with intensity until Jesus establishes His Kingdom in our region.

Pray for:

Brandon

Pearl

Flowood

Jackson Metro

Rankin County

The gospel to reach our region

People and places in our community

Watchmen called out enemy activity and prepared others for attack.

We pray first, then we go to work in witness and service.

Prayer paves the way to reaching and impacting future generations.

Jeremiah 29:7

Seek the welfare of the city.

Pray to the Lord on its behalf.

In its welfare, you will find your welfare.

Our flourishing is connected to the flourishing of our region.

2. Play Your Part

Each person and each family has a part only they can play in the work God has called us to.

We will only accomplish for the Kingdom the sum of our parts.

God has chosen to work primarily in this world through His people.

Ephesians 4:16

The body grows when each part is working properly.

The work of the Kingdom grows when each person is playing their part.

Find your section of the wall and go to work.

Put your hand to the Kingdom plow and do not look back.

When we do, we will plow more Kingdom fields and be positioned for renewal and revival.

Two practical ways to play your part:

A. On Mission in the Community

Wherever God has placed you in the community is part of your work in the world.

Matthew 5:13-14

You are the salt of the earth.

You are the light of the world.

We should show up and make things better and brighter.

Salt makes bland things better.

Light makes dark places brighter.

When God placed you in your:

Neighborhood

School

Workplace

Community

Things should get better because you showed up to serve and share hope.

2 Corinthians 5:20

We are ambassadors for Christ.

God makes His appeal through us.

Be reconciled to God.

Our primary work in this region:

Pray and proclaim.

We serve, meet needs, bless people, and love our city so that we can proclaim:

Be reconciled to God through Christ.

B. On a Team in the Church

For over 50 years, people have faithfully served in this church.

Their faithfulness helped us become the church we are today.

The church we are believing to become will require more people lined up next to them.

We need more people serving:

Kids ministry

Parking

Guest services

Other teams and ministry areas

Not just the same people moving to another section of the wall.

We need more people on the wall, in the work, regularly.

Practical step:

Go to the Teams page on the website.

Find a place to serve.

3. Bring Your Portion

This is not just about giving.

It is about bringing.

We do not give our firstfruits or tithe.

We bring it.

Nehemiah 10:35-37

God's people obligated themselves to bring the firstfruits and the tithe to the house of the Lord.

The first tenth of what we receive belongs to the Lord.

Our responses are simple:

Bring it

Or keep it

You cannot experience personal revival while robbing from God.

What attracts the presence of the Lord?

What helps us be revival ready?

Becoming a people who trust Jesus not only with salvation but also with the first part of our resources.

For some, personal revival is spiritually practical:

Set up online recurring giving based on when you are paid.

Bring the tithe for the first time.

Ask your spouse to hold you accountable moving forward.

Review:

What does “next to them” work look like for us?

Pray Your Part

Play Your Part

Bring Your Portion

Warning:

No one has to respond to these things.

Many people miss being part of the rebuilding work of God.

Many miss being part of revival moments.

Nehemiah 3:5

The Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord.

Imagine how it felt 52 days later to know you missed being part of a supernatural work of God.

Unfortunately, there will always be some who will not show up to serve.

Closing Challenge:

Find your place.

Know your people.

Pray your part.

Play your part.

Bring your portion.

Do not miss being part of the rebuilding work of God.

