

LIFE GROUP STUDY

For Life Groups or Personal Study - For the week of Aug 23

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

If you are up for it, read all of Nehemiah 3

What do you notice?

Read Nehemiah 4.1-5

What happens as the wall is being built? What is Nehemiah's response?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Why is Sanballat so upset?

Read Nehemiah 4.6

What does it mean that "the people had a mind to work"?

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

Where do you see God's people being threatened today?

Why are God's people being threatened?

If everyone has a place on the wall, what do you sense is your part in rebuilding God's Church going forward?

Is there a Sanballat in your life who is trying to oppress you, shame you, intimidate you?

Spend time in prayer asking God to strengthen His people.
Ask God to reveal to your part in doing the work of the Lord, for His Church and for His Glory.
Pray for God to give us all "a mind to work".
Pray for God's protection from the Sanballats in our world and in your life, and that their hearts might be changed.

PRAYER REQUESTS

August 23, 2020 – Bill Williamson
Return to Brick By Brick Series - Nehemiah

We Are The Church **Nehemiah 3.1 - 4.6**

This week go back to Nehemiah. The Israelites begin to work on rebuilding the wall. But, as we saw from two weeks ago, rebuilding the wall is the Lower Story. We will see the Upper Story as we look at Nehemiah 3. There will be too much to read, so before the Worship Service, take time to read the entire chapter of Nehemiah 3. As you read it, try to imagine looking down upon the scene as you soar on Eagles Wings (thanks Dennis for another marvelous sermon). What do you notice? What can you sense is the Upper Story?

Then, as we head into chapter 4, Sanballat is back on the scene. He is scoffing and mocking, but the people continue to labor on the wall. How is it possible to do the work of the Lord when others try to threaten and intimidate God's people? The climate is not too different today as we seek to do the work of the Lord. Yet, as we will see, nothing can deter us from doing the work of the Kingdom, for WE ARE THE CHURCH.

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THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups can be short, 10-week, sermon-based groups that promote spiritual growth through building meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word (Colossians 1:28).

Here's how it happens:

SHARE: We share what is happening in our lives.

STUDY: We study and discuss the questions on this sermon notes page in relation to Sunday's sermon. Our goal is to apply what we learn.

SUPPORT: We do this by: praying for one another, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting needs.

SERVE: We do a service project during each quarter we meet. Our desire is to share God's love with others by meeting real needs.

GO ONLINE to learn more about Life Groups: find an open group or sign up for a group online: yakimagrace.com/life. Or, stop by the Welcome Center in the Garden Room or call the office at 248-7940