

# the RESTORATION MAN

A series in the Old Testament  
book of Nehemiah



## What is the series about?

Nehemiah is a man in the Old Testament book of the Bible who is responsible for looking after King Artaxerxes - particularly serving Him wine. While doing this job he finds out that the temple walls in his hometown of Jerusalem have been destroyed and he leads the project of rebuilding them. Nehemiah's restoring work was but a shadow of the greater and final restoring work that Jesus did through his life, death, resurrection and ascension.

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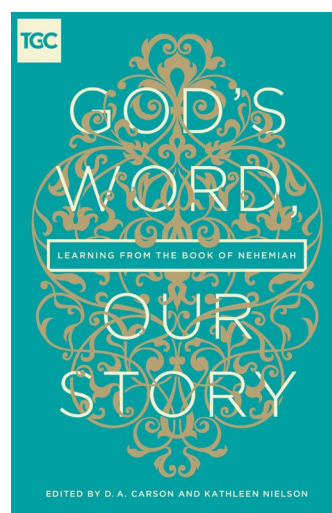
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## Recommended Reading

**God's Word, Our Story**

D.A. Carson & Kathleen Nielson





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## Title: Empower

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### Overview

The wealthy Jews are lending money to their poorer brothers so they don't starve while working on the wall. However, they are taking land as security for the loans, charging interest, and even taking the poorer families' children as indentured servants. Their "help" is keeping the poor alive but it's leaving them even worse off. Basically, the rich are exploiting the poor. The rich are taking advantage of those in poverty in order to get richer at their expense. Nehemiah demonstrates something very different. He not only works on the wall but feeds others at his own expense. God hates exploitation because it is the opposite of what he is like. Sin exploits us but God is the great empowerer. He comes alongside us in our weakness, at great cost to himself, lifts us up and strengthens us.

### Questions to help your group **understand** the truth preached

On Sundays we hear God's word preached and as we listen well we trust that God is changing us in the moment. Use these questions to further explore the truth that was taught.

1. Why was Nehemiah so angry? (*Neh 5:9; Duet 23:19; 24:6, 14-15; Exodus 22:22; Isaiah 43:7; Genesis 1:26; Isaiah 49:6*)
2. What did he do about it?
3. Why did the people respond so quickly and fully?

### Questions to help your group **apply** the truth preached

When applied, God's Word will enable us to love God and to love others. These questions will help your group apply the truth understood in a way that leads to transformed lives.

1. How does sin exploit us? (*Romans 6:20; James 1:14-15; Romans 6:23; Hebrews 3:13; Genesis 3:4*)
2. How does God empower us? (*Romans 5:6-8; Acts 1:8*)
3. How can we empower others (both those around us and our those far away)? (*Romans 1:16...*)

### Questions to help your group **dig deeper**

Having understood the truth preached, and explored how it can be applied to your lives why not dig a little deeper and ask your group the following questions:

4. Does God get angry? If so at what and why? (*Psalm 7:11; Psalm 103:8-13; Numbers 12:9; Jeremiah 30:23; Romans 1:18; Mark 3:5 ...*)
5. How can we manage our anger well so that we don't sin? (*Eph 4:26*)
6. Are you motivated by the promise of a reward? (*Matthew 6:6, 7-19; 19:29; Luke 6:22-23, 35, 38; Luke 14:12-14; Col 3:23-24...*)