

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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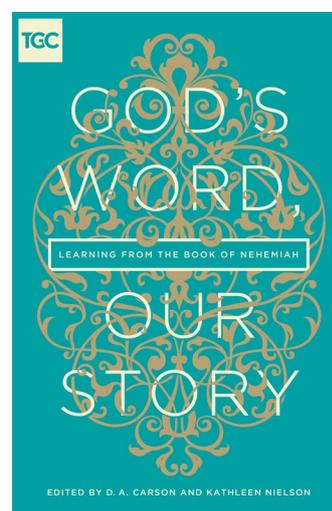
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Recommended Reading

God's Word, Our Story

D.A. Carson & Kathleen Nielson



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Title: A culture of encouragement.

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Bible Ref: Nehemiah 2:9-20

Overview

Nehemiah encouraged God's people to re-build the walls. He acknowledged the difficulty of the task, raised faith in God's help, and underlined the importance of the goal. They received his encouragement and encouraged one another "let us rebuild the wall." When opposition came, initially in the form of jeering, "they jeered at us and despised us," Nehemiah countered it robustly "The God of heaven will make us prosper..." Encouragement can be simply thanking someone for what they have done. A Very Encouraging Person (VEP) exhorts people to do something by seeing God's good plans for them, or affirming the new creation seeds of gifting and character. Nehemiah was "multiplier" who encouraged people by investing himself and his resources to transform a whole community. Multipliers mentor, lead, finance, and make space for gifting to grow. Jesus is the great multiplier.

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. To what extent did Nehemiah understand the scale of the challenge?
2. How did Nehemiah raise faith in God's help?
3. How did Nehemiah underline the significance of the goal?

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. What difference has encouragement made in your life?
2. How can we see people in the light of God's good plans for them?
3. What can we do to encourage the people around us more?

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:

1. What can stop us receiving encouragement, and what would help?
2. How can we respond well to jeering and ridicule?
3. How can we become more of a "multiplier"?