

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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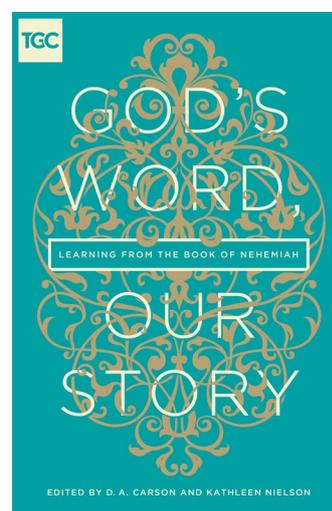
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Recommended Reading

God's Word, Our Story

D.A. Carson & Kathleen Nielson



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Title: Building Together.

Speaker: Dan Stagg (Mile Cross) Bible Ref: Nehemiah 3: 1-32

Overview

Nehemiah 3 is, on the face of it, just a long list of names. How can God speak to us through this part of the Bible? Well, God wants to tell us something about himself - he loves people!! If God was project-focused this chapter would look more like the Screw-Fix catalogue. He also wants to show us something about ourselves - working together is how we are to build the church. God, finally, wants to draw our attention to Jesus who, unlike the Tekoite nobles in v5, *"came not to be served but to serve"* Mark 10v45 (see also Phillipians 2v5-11).

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. What do you do when you read a part of the Bible that leaves you scratching your head?
2. What does it mean for you say that *"God knows my name"*?
3. Who are you building church alongside at the moment?

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 having an attitude like Jesus help you serve?
2. What opportunities are there for you to serve *'opposite your house'* (v10)
3. When you read a part of the Bible in which God shows you that He loves you what do you in response?

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. The Tekoite nobles *"wouldn't stoop to serve"* (v5). Is there ever an echo of this in your heart?
2. The men of Jericho (v2) travelled to be involved in what God was doing in Jerusalem. Where could see yourself travelling to help spread the gospel?
3. Why is serving together as a team the best way to build?