

# 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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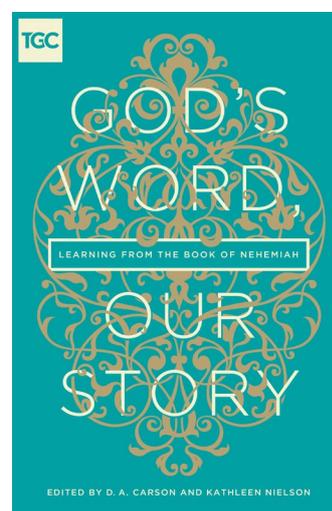
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## Recommended Reading

**God's Word, Our Story**

D.A. Carson & Kathleen Nielson



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## **Title: Building the Kingdom.**

Speaker: Steve Hope (City West) Bible Ref: Nehemiah 3

### **Overview**

In amongst a long list of names in Neh 3 is a picture of the church being built. The church is God's people, its God's hope for the world, and far more than just Sunday's, and here in this chapter there are some lessons for how we live out the gospel in our lives:

1. By Example – v1 (*the high priest & fellow priests got involved and got their hands dirty*)
2. In Humility – v5 (*some wouldn't put their shoulders to work, or stoop down, they saw it below them*)
3. With Ordinary People Empowered by the Holy Spirit – v8 (*merchants, goldsmiths etc*)
4. In Community (*everyone with one or two exceptions got involved*)
5. With Jesus at the Centre

### **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 does Jesus being at the centre of all we do look like?
2. Why did people get involved doing heavy, manual labour (not always pleasant e.g Dung gate)?  
*Ans: They had a vision of the glory of The Lord*

### **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 does setting an example at work / uni / home look like?
2. How does God use ordinary people like us & what makes us able to see the extraordinary?

### **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. How can we help one another keep Jesus at the centre of our lives?
2. We might have questions and things we can't fully comprehend about God, what is He like? What are his characteristics?
3. How does knowing what God is like, help us in our sometimes difficult circumstances?