

Forgettable Names & Boring Details

Nehemiah 3:1–32

Seven Observations

1. An _____ Task
2. Every _____ in Place
3. Each _____ Appropriately
4. All _____ & _____ of Life
5. Everyone _____
6. Some Went _____
7. All But _____ Recognized

Application:

For the Family

Review our story so far:

After hearing a report that Jerusalem was in ruins, Nehemiah prayed and planned what to do. The king gave him permission to go to Jerusalem and rebuild the walls. He traveled to Jerusalem, inspected the walls, and rallied the people to rebuild them. The people replied, "Let us rise up and build."

Explain that Nehemiah chapter 3 describes the construction of the wall. He lists 75 names, 42 groups of people, 10 gates, and about 40 sections of wall totaling over 2 miles long. This was a BIG project. Nehemiah describes how people worked next to each other all around the wall to get everything done.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:14–21

Talk together about how silly it would be for a foot to say it doesn't belong to the body because it isn't a hand. Or for an ear to say it doesn't belong because it isn't an eye. How silly it would be for an eye to say to a hand, "I don't need you." Or for the head to say to the feet, "I don't need you."

It is silly for a child of God to say, "I don't belong." Everyone has a place in God's world. It is silly for a child of God to say, "I don't need you." We all need each other. The people of Jerusalem belonged to each other, and they all needed each other.

Explain that Nehemiah 3:12 tells us that a man named Shallum worked on the project with his daughters. He made it a family project. Imagine together what that was like. They worked hard all day; they were tired at night. But when it was done, they could look out every day and know they had a part in God's work.

Shallum taught his daughters that they belonged; they were a part of Jerusalem and had responsibility to help rebuild the walls.

Pray together that you will never say you don't belong or you don't need others. Tell God you will always try to do your part in the building of His Kingdom.

Next Week: The Builders Face Opposition to Their Project