

# FOR THE KINGDOM: GATEWAYS

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“The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.” (John 10:2-4)

## [The Kingdom was Jesus' Message!]

Matt 4:23-25; Luke 17:20; 11:20

- not all of Christian culture is kingdom culture

## [Jesus used gate imagery to explain the Kingdom]

Jn 10:2-4; Matt 16:18,19; (see also: Ps 100:3-4; Matt 7:13-14; Ps 87:1-3)

- Churches can either be gates or dams for the Kingdom... we either release or restrain access to the kingdom.

## [Tracing the Nehemiah story:]

Neh 1:3-4, 9; Neh 2:8-9, 17-18, 20; 4:7-9, 17; 6:16

## [An interpretation of the gates from Neh 3:]

1. Sheep Gate (v1): Gateway of Refuge (cf. John 10:7-9)
2. The Fish Gate (v3): Gateway of Reconciliation
3. The Old Gate (v6): Gateway of Transformation
4. The Valley Gate (v13): Gateway of Hope
5. The Dung Gate (v14): Gateway of Recycling (cf. Neh 3:14)
6. The Fountain Gate (v15): Gateway of the Spirit
7. The Water Gate (v26): Gateway of Revival (cf. Neh 8:1-3ff)
8. The Horse Gate (v28): Gateway of Victory
9. The East Gate (v29): Gateway of Worship
10. The Inspection Gate (v31): Gateway of Justice

## QUESTIONS

1. Jake shared his excitement for the new building because of the significance of having a visible presence in the city and region. What are some of the benefits you can envision of having a building we can access 24-7?
2. To what degree are you acting as a gateway to the Kingdom and to what degree are you more like a dam? (Give some examples of each from your life)
3. Neh 4:17 gives an incredible image of preparedness, “Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other.” What does this look like in our day-to-day spirituality?
4. Mike shared an interpretation of the significance of each of the Gates from Neh 3. Which gateway to you most need to see opened in your life?

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## PRAYER & UPDATES

As we pray for the parking agreement and lending process.

- Praise God for the city granting our permits!!!
- **Pray for the written parking agreement.** It feels like there is a spiritual battle over the parking agreement. Contend for breakthrough here!!!
- **Pray for the remaining stages of the lending process.** Pray for divine guidance and favor in this part of the process.