

RE- BUILDING THE KINGDOM



Nehemiah 3-4 and 6-7 A How-To for Kingdom Building

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

In Nehemiah, we read of great leadership in the face of surmounting opposition to build the wall. We also read that Nehemiah does not accomplish it on his own, instead, all the “normal” folks take part in the efforts to build the wall. Nehemiah's leadership is characterized by a humble attitude which cries out to God for help and a passionate attitude that works with all his might to fulfill God's mission. We are compelled to ask, “What kind of Kingdom work has God put us to?” There is work for each follower of Christ to do and we can all learn from the example of Nehemiah and, even more so, our Lord Jesus.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

Nehemiah 3 Kingdom Builders are Anonymous but not Unimportant

1. Looking at the text we see that most of the people doing the work of God's mission are anonymous or just “average” folks. What happens to me and the people around when I think God only uses “other” more qualified people?
2. God wants to show Himself to all people and invite them into His mission. How does this relate to Christ's interactions with the people around Him and His incarnation? How does this affect the way you build His kingdom in your life?

Nehemiah 4 Opposition to Kingdom Building does not Equal Defeat

1. We will all face opposition and difficulty building God's Kingdom. What are some sinful responses to opposition and difficulty? Why are those responses our primary tendencies? What does a right response look like?
2. How did Christ handle opposition and difficulty in His life? How did Jesus respond to His greatest opposition, the cross, when He was in the Garden the night before He was crucified? What can we learn from Him?

Nehemiah 6:1-14 Kingdom Builders confront Opposition with Gospel Courage

1. How does seeing Jesus as the ultimate answer and example bring you gospel courage?
2. What opposition or difficulty can you share with the group that we can combat together with Gospel courage?

Nehemiah 6:15-7 Kingdom Builders Seek God's Glory in their Labor.

1. Will the work of God, His Kingdom, be built without us? If His Kingdom will be built without us then what is the purpose of our hard work to fulfill His mission in the world?
2. Are your dreams, goals and desires small enough for you to accomplish? What might you need to change about your goals? What defines a great accomplishment, dream, goal or desire in God's eyes?