

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH



3. Building the Walls

Introduction

When Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem he spent three days inspecting the damage to the walls and gates of the city. Then he gathered the people and exhorted them to rebuild. In Nehemiah chapter 3 we see how this was done in just 52 days. They succeeded because everyone worked together.

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 3:1-32

- ⊗ Look at some of the different types of people who were involved in the work. What were their occupations? See verses 1, 8, 12, 17, 26, 29, 32

This is just like the church. We are made up of so many different types of people, but we all have one purpose, and that is to build the Kingdom of God.

- ⊗ We are also told what area of the wall or gates they worked on. Notice where some of them worked. See verses 10, 23, 28, 30
- ⊗ What has God put in your heart to do in your neighbourhood, school or work place? What can you do to be more effective? Share.
- ⊗ Why didn't the work near the Fish Gate go well? v3, 5 What can we learn from this?

Conclusion

Just as there were men and women, from all walks of life, who were working together to build the wall of Jerusalem, in the same way the church is made up of men and women from all walks of life. Although there were some who did not co-operate in Nehemiah's time, the majority did, and the walls were rebuilt in record time.

God has placed us in different neighbourhoods and we go to different schools and colleges, or work in different places. It is easy to get so busy with our lives that we forget that he has placed us there as his representatives or ambassadors. The Fish Gate speaks of evangelism. Let's not be like the nobles who 'would not put their shoulders to the work!'

Let's work together, wherever God has placed us, so that his Kingdom is extended, and others come to know how wonderful our Saviour is.