

## #5 Rebuilding Walls...Where do We Begin?

Ready, Pray....Action!

A Study of the book of Nehemiah

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At first glance Nehemiah 3 looks like a meaningless list of names and places. Upon deeper inspection we find not only significance in some of the names but we also see some of the principals of leadership, teamwork and effectively organization. We will spend 2 weeks examining this chapter.

### **Read Neh. 3:1-12**

- ✍ *Discuss what some of the immediate observations are that you see.*
- ✍ *What were the types of people who were involved with the building project?*
- ✍ *What did you note about some of the leaders? How does this apply to the areas in your life in which you lead?*
- ✍ *What are some of the observations about teamwork?*

Each city gates significance. If we think of these gates as differing parts of the city or neighborhoods with their own demographics and makeup we can apply it to our cities.

- ✍ *What does the "city gate" around which you live look like? What is the makeup? Why is this important to understand?*
  
- ✍ *What is the significance of the Sheep Gate?*
  
- ✍ *Why do you think the priests were involved?*
- ✍ *Why did they start at this gate?*
- ✍ *What does it mean to dedicate something? Discuss why they dedicated the gate?*

### **We want to dedicate the work of ECF to the Lord.**

- ✍ *Discuss what this means to you and to the rest of the group?*

### **We want to start the Coat Drive/Carnival by dedicating it to the Lord.**

- ✍ *Discuss what this means in reality? How do we do this?*

### **We want to begin all of this by dedicating our own lives and our families to the Lord.**

- ✍ *Discuss what it takes to do this in your life?*
- ✍ *Discuss what it means to dedicate your Home Group to the Lord.*

As a group, spend time in prayer focusing on all these areas?

End your group by reading Isaiah 53 slowly and really soaking it in. Briefly discuss how you are personally grateful that this prophecy was fulfilled.

- ✍ *Why not take time and have communion together as a group.*

**Food for Thought:** What would happen if your neighbor or friend said, "I need to find a church and in fact, I am not even a Christian. Can you help me?"

- ✍ *What would you say?*
- ✍ *What would be your next step?*
- ✍ *What role would they see you in? Where would they see your gifts being used?*