

Rebuild #4

Together for God

(Nehemiah 3)



Introduction

Work on Jerusalem's wall begins and this chapter gives us a record of who did what and where they did it. We gain great insight into what work for God looks like: a diverse group of people unified around a common goal!



Sermon points

1. Prayer is essential
2. Partnership is vital
3. People are crucial
 - Analysis
 - Vision
 - Diversity
 - Planning & organization
 - Hard work
4. Perseverance is critical



Discussion starter

What prevents Christians from serving in the church?



From the Bible

1. What is noticeable from Nehemiah's speech in Ch. 2:17-18?
2. What different categories of people are mentioned in Ch. 3?
3. Why did the nobles of Tekoa not serve? (3:5)



Think it through

1. What is one of the pastor's main roles? (Ephesians 4:12)
How does this challenge traditional thinking?
What is the end result of church members serving each other?
(Ephesians 4:12b-16, note the reference to *building!*)
2. Who did Jesus call to himself and call to serve in his church?
(Acts 4:13, 1 Corinthians 1:26-27; Colossians 3:11)
3. Are you tempted to think that you can't be part of building God's Kingdom?
How does this passage encourage you?
How could you encourage others to get involved?
What do you think is the main qualification for building for God?
4. How is Jesus the great model for us in building for God?



Pray

Almighty God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly implore You for all people everywhere, that You would be pleased to make Your ways known to them, Your saving power to all nations.

Especially we pray for Christ Church Tygerberg and Cross Central Church, that being guided and governed by Your Spirit, that all who call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life, always serving one another in love.

Finally, we commend to Your fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body or circumstances, especially those known to us, or for whom our prayers are asked, that it may please You to comfort and deliver them, according to their different needs, giving them patience in their sufferings, and a blessed end to all their troubles. All this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.