



BUILDING UNITY

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STUDY GUIDE

CHAPTER 3

INTRODUCTION

Looking through the 3rd chapter of Nehemiah we can notice how quickly the people began to work on the repairs to the wall. This whole chapter is a list of the workers and their areas of responsibility in order to accomplish the great task before them.

There is great significance strewn throughout these verses as we look through the names and sections of the wall. Take a few minutes to read through the chapter and take note of anything that sticks out for deeper study.

READ: NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 3

Discussion 1

1. **The list in Nehemiah 3 was full of names, gates, wall sections, and towers. Why did Nehemiah keep record of all of this?**
2. **Do our projects in the church today need to be recorded with such detail? Why or why not?**

Let's take a deeper look into the amount of work this group of dedicated people was able to do. The wall was just over 1.5 miles around, with 41 specific sections, gates and towers all needing repaired. Nehemiah was able to enlist the help of many people from Jerusalem, as well as some from Jericho, Tekoa, Gibeon, and Mizpah. They each had a specific section to focus on, with several of them working near their own homes. (Neh. 3:10, 23, 28–30)

There is something to the idea of taking responsibility for the area where you live, especially when it comes to our walk with Christ. True Christian service begins at home, and then pours out from there into the church.

While some worked near to their homes, others were focused near their places of work. The high priest Eliashib led out the work on the Sheep Gate with the other priests. This area mattered to them greatly because it was the only consecrated entrance to the city. This was the gate the sacrificial lambs would enter through on their way to the temple. We also see in Nehemiah 3:26 that the temple servants worked at the Water Gate. This was the place where the water would be drawn each day for the temple's needs. These servants would have been the very ones to bring that water, making this gate important to them personally, and likely near to their homes as well.

We see mention of many who seemed to work more than others, using their gifting and passion to push things forward (Neh. 3:11, 19, 21, 24, 27, 30). Take a look at Nehemiah 3:20. Here you can see one man. Baruch, who worked zealously! His passion to see the work done for the glory of God was worth taking note of.

Some worked near home, others near their workplace, and still others came to help that were outsiders from other cities and towns. All together this task was accomplished because of the willingness of people to serve for the purpose of bringing God glory! This remains true in the church today. When we unite together for the purpose of glorifying God it is incredible what can be accomplished.

Discussion 2

1. **Where in the church today do you see examples of unity leading to the accomplishment of work for God's glory?**
2. **How can we as a church grow in unity?**
3. **What do you think united the people in Nehemiah 3?**

Take some time to pray for our church to grow in unity, vision and drive for the glory of God.