

# Catalyst Home Group

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## Nehemiah 3

### Unified & Diversified

The building begins. After all of the prayer, planning, and vision casting, Nehemiah leads the people to accomplish the project at hand.

Chapter 3 is essentially Nehemiah's journal entry of all the people who helped with the project and what they accomplished. Although this chapter appears to be very boring (kinda feels like reading a phone book) the list of names, locations, and tasks are significant and applicable to our lives. The people are unified in their work to rebuild the wall and diversified in their skills, neighborhoods, and skills. They work missionally in their own neighborhood and use their God-given skills to do their part in the larger mission. This is actually a perfect picture of the church...

### Discussion Questions:

[1] What questions do you have from Sunday's sermon? What stood out to you? What confused you?

[2] Which do you personally prefer and why?

[a] Individual or team sports?

[b] self employment or work force?

[c] living on your own or with roommates?

[3] **Read Nehemiah 3.** Why do you think Nehemiah wrote all of this down? What does this tell us about his leadership?

[4] When was the last time you felt appreciated or recognized for the work or ministry you did? Why is this important to Nehemiah, the people, and the mission?

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Discussion Questions Continued...

[5] What we have here in chapter 3 is a geographical and missional map of how the wall was rebuilt. Each family rebuilt the section of the wall opposite their house or neighborhood. What parallels can you draw to your mission to your neighbors, co-workers, and classmates?

[6] What's interesting about Eliashib and his fellow priests (v. 1, 20)? About Shallum's group (v. 12)? What roles does example play in leadership?

[7] Why do you think the "nobles" of Tekoa refused to work (v. 5,27) What did that mean for these men? What happens when someone feels above or a sense of entitlement in a project?

[8] Why is Nehemiah's name never mentioned in this chapter? What do you think he was doing?

[9] What are you doing to work on the wall - to work in ministry for the Kingdom of God? (this is not just about Catalyst) What has God asked you to do that you are not currently doing?

[10] **Read Ephesians 2:8-10.** If you were created for good works...are you doing what you were created to do? What changes do you need to make to "get on the wall"?