

Catalyst Home Group

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Nehemiah 6:15-7:73

The Goal of the Mission of God

Chapter 6, verse 15 tells us that the wall was completed. What was unsuccessful to do in over 140 years by others, Nehemiah completed in 52 days. That's less than 2 months! Through a recession, a famine, insurmountable opposition, criticism, infighting, disobedience, and struggles, Nehemiah accomplished what he set out to do...partially.

Remember, the rebuilding of the wall was never just about the wall. It was about rebuilding the community of God (the church) so they could be the light of the world - the city on a hill for all the world to see - so that God's word and power could be evident to all. (mission)

In this next section of the story, Nehemiah begins installing leaders to govern and protect. He also counts the people and the resources that allowed them to finish the mission. As we look forward to what God is going to do through Vision Ignited, continue to examine your role at Catalyst and the work of God. Where is your heart? Where is your place on the wall? Are your resources contributing to the work?

If there's one thing we have learned so far, if we pray like it depends on God and work like it depends on us...there's no limit to the impact we can have in our city.

Discussion Questions:

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

[2] What is the most satisfying project you ever completed? What was so special about finishing?

[3] **Read Nehemiah 6:15-7:3.** How was it possible to rebuild the wall in 52 days?

[4] Why did Nehemiah not stop there? Why did he appoint leaders, worship leaders, and guards?

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Discussion Questions Continued...

[5] What do we learn about leadership and the real mission of Nehemiah from this?

[6] **Read Luke 14:28-30.** What does it mean to count the cost before we begin something this big? What's one example of how you counted the cost before acting and one example of how you didn't. What did you learn through both?

[7] Now, in verses 7:4-67, Nehemiah counts the people in the city. Why do you think this was important?

[8] Now, in verses 68-73, Nehemiah counts the resources. Why do you think this was important?

[9] As we ask each of us to pray "Lord, what would you have me do?" what are you hearing from God?

[10] Do you need prayer for God to align your heart, your hands, or your finances with the work of God?