Building What Lasts

A SERIES IN NEHEMIAH

LIFE GROUPS

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NORTHSHORE'S COMPELLING STATEMENT

Hope changes everything.

ICE BREAKER

When have you had to overcome opposition to a worthy project? What part did your faith play?

BACKGROUND

The Wall of Jerusalem is nearly completed. The enemies of Israel are losing it. The people of God rally to the heart of God and the Word of God. They take courage and obey the Word, which leads to great joy.

REVIEW

What was meaningful from the above context or the sermon from last Sunday?

KEY VERSES: Nehemiah 6:16

So the wall was completed on the 25th of Elul, in 52 days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.

READ: Nehemiah 6-8

HEAD LEVEL: *What does it say? These help us to examine what the Word tells us.*

1. Read 6:1-13. What were the enemies of Jerusalem trying to do to discourage the work on the wall? How did Nehemiah and his people overcome their enemies' dark plans?

2. Chapter 7 begins by celebrating the installation of the doors in the wall and citing the duties of the singers, the Levites and the gatekeepers. What is significant about these duties?

3. How does chapter 7 describe the character and competence of Nehemiah's brother? How are his character and competence linked together?

HEART LEVEL: *What does it mean? These questions help us shape our beliefs around the objective truth of God's word.*

1. Read 6:9-14. What do you admire about the way Nehemiah talks to God about overcoming opposition? How can Nehemiah's straightforward prayers encourage your connection to the Lord?

2. Read 6:17-19 In what ways did Tobiah seek to undermine the work of God?

3. What feast did the people celebrate in vv. 13-17? How would this increase their celebration?

DEEPER DISCOVERY

- Read Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21. In what ways does Paul's model strengthen what we see in Nehemiah's prayer?
- How does the Apostle Paul warn believers about building partnerships with unbelievers (2 Corinthians 6:14)?

HANDS LEVEL: *What does it mean to me? These questions help us commit to live out the truth in our everyday lives and commit to potential next steps.*

1. Consider a time when the Word of God penetrated your heart and led you to grieve over sin. What was that like?

2. When have you used an arrow prayer? What is it like to pray such short, focused prayers?

3. When has the Word brought you great joy?

MEMORY VERSE: Nehemiah 8:8

They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so the people could understand what was being read.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

(Please remember that these requests are confidential and need to stay within the group.)