



Shelby Christian Church

WEALTH THAT WORKS: VISION WEEKEND * NEHEMIAH 2:11-3:32 * 1/4/2026

God calls us to seek Him as we seek to live out His vision for our church.

What goals or hopes have you set for yourself or your family this year? What practical steps are you taking to pursue those goals, and what challenges do you anticipate along the way?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ NEHEMIAH 2:11-16.

What did Nehemiah do during his first three days in Jerusalem (vv. 11–12)? Why might this pause have been important?

Why do you think Nehemiah chose to inspect the walls at night and in secret?

What details stand out to you in Nehemiah's description of the ruined walls and gates?

Who was not told about Nehemiah's plans, and why might that matter?

How did this effort strengthen Nehemiah's ability to cast a compelling vision? What lessons does this offer us when we, as individuals or as a church, seek to communicate a vision to others?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ NEHEMIAH 2:17-18.

What problem does Nehemiah clearly identify when he speaks to the people?

How does Nehemiah describe the current situation of Jerusalem?

What invitation or call to action does Nehemiah give in verse 17?

What evidence does Nehemiah share in verse 18 to support his vision? How does Nehemiah shift the mindset of the people from shame to hope?

What can we learn from Nehemiah about the importance of building teamwork as we approach God's work?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ NEHEMIAH 2:19-20.

Who are the individuals opposing Nehemiah in this passage, and how do they respond to the rebuilding effort? Why do you think opposition arises so quickly once the work begins?

What accusations or doubts do the opponents raise against Nehemiah and the people?

How does Nehemiah answer their ridicule and opposition? What does Nehemiah's response reveal about where he places his confidence?

How does Nehemiah distinguish between those who belong to God's work and those who do not?

Can you think of a modern example where someone might try to intimidate or criticize us with false accusations as we seek to serve God? How does trusting in God give us the courage and strength to stand firm in the face of such opposition?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER(S) READ NEHEMIAH 3:1-32.

The rebuilt walls stood as a visible reminder to God's people of their restoration and renewed relationship with Him. As a Christian today, where do you see reminders of your own restoration and security in Christ? Reflect on Romans 5:5–11 for insight.

How did the people respond to Nehemiah's call to action? What does their response reveal about the clarity and power of the vision he shared?

What does the detailed list of workers reveal about the importance of every contribution, no matter how small?

Why do you think Nehemiah included both leaders and ordinary citizens in the rebuilding effort?

How does this chapter show that successful projects require cooperation across different groups, families, and social roles?

APPLICATION

What do the people of our community need from our church? How can careful preparation help prevent discouragement or failure later on?

How does remembering God's past faithfulness help us step into new challenges?

When have you seen unity and motivation grow after a clear, God-centered vision was shared?

How might God use you to help meet the needs of people in our community? How might God use us as a group?

What needs does our church have? How might God use you to meet those needs?

PRAYER