

TAKING IT HOME:

May the Lord stir up the hearts of His people, to lay aside their petty disputes, and to disregard their worldly interests, compared with building the walls of Jerusalem, and defending the cause of truth and godliness against the assaults of avowed enemies.

MY WEEKLY PRAYER PAGE:

My group's prayer requests:

LIFE GROUP SERMON GUIDE

ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL:
PART 4—ALL HANDS ON DECK

Pastor Lambert Sikkema
NEHEMIAH 3:1-32

Introduction: Connections create meaning and purpose for all of us.

HOMILETICAL POINT:

It's a beautiful thing to see a united and uniting effort underway aimed at a long obedience in the same direction. So it's all hands on deck.

LONG: Keep following where the Holy Spirit leads. He's taking us on a long and winding path as we journey into the heart of God.

Cf. Philippians 3:8-16

OBEDIENCE: A faithful commitment to do what God requires of us. Cf. 15:9-13

THE SAME DIRECTION: Staying focused on a desired outcome that is worthy of one's life. Pursuing a high calling to the end.

Cf. Mark 1:16-20

Take Away:

So what is being built by and through you/us? Are we committed to a long obedience in the same direction? Psalm 133 & 127

LIFE GROUP TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of being in a Life Group, but it can also be intimidating. We find that group prayer goes better when we don't require everyone to pray and we keep our prayers short and simple.

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PRAY • INVEST • INVITE

MY **Pi²** LIST

P
PRAY
PRAY DAILY FOR THOSE ON YOUR Pⁱ LIST, PROVIDENTIAL MOMENTS, AND FOR OPPORTUNITIES, BOLDNESS, AND CLARITY.

i
INVEST
INVEST AND BUILD AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS AND REAL FRIENDSHIPS WITH THOSE ON YOUR LIST.

i
INVITE
INVITE THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT (ATTEND CHURCH, LIFE GROUP, GO OUT FOR COFFEE, TRUST IN CHRIST).

FAMILY MEMBER _____

FRIEND _____

CO-WORKER/CLASSMATE _____

NEIGHBOR _____



Life Group Homework

For the week of February 16, 2020

QUICK REVIEW:

As you reflect on your Sermon Guide Notes for this week’s message, what was one key take-away that you’d like to discuss with your group?

GOD’S STORY / OUR STORY

Read or Listen to Nehemiah 3:1-31

Summarize this passage in one or two sentences. What stood out to you?

How might it have motivated the builders to know that their names would be recorded for history? *What do you think is the significance of these names being recorded?*

How does it encourage you to know that your name, your work, your hardships, and your victories are seen and cherished by God? *How might it challenge you moving forward?*

1 Corinthians 3:6-17 and Colossians 3:23-24

In what ways do these verses shape your view of work?

Do you believe there is a difference between your 9 to 5 job and the calling God has placed on your life? How or how not?

Does your attitude and behavior match your beliefs? *Would others share your same observations?*

DIGGING DEEPER

Read: Nehemiah 3:4, 3:21 and Nehemiah 3:5, 3:7

A remarkable thing about this chapter is how some people undertook double the workload. Meremoth son of Uriah and the men of Tekoa are mentioned with the attitude “work until it’s done” and were not satisfied with simply “doing their part”. Share of a time when you or someone you know approached a difficult task with an attitude similar to Meremoth and the men of Tekoa.

How can we see Christ in in their example?

Read: Nehemiah 3:5

In this verse we are told that the nobleman of Tekoa would not join in the work. Is there an area of your life where you know that God has called you to into service, and are currently making excuses not to follow or avoiding His call? *Is there something that He has called you to stop doing?*

What has He called you to do?

Why do you think you are holding back?

ADDITIONAL SELF-STUDY (Optional)

Read: Exodus 18:13-23, Romans 12:6-8, Ephesians 4:11-13, and Peter 4:10

How ought we to be good stewards of the specific gifts and callings God has given to each one of us?

When ought we lay aside our “areas of expertise” to serve and work toward the common good?

Can you think of any examples from the life of Jesus that help guide you?

