



**Nehemiah 3
July 30, 2023**

Recall examples of when you worked towards a specific goal with a group. What were you able to accomplish together?

Read: Nehemiah 1:4-7

Have you ever prayed a prayer of corporate confession? What difference is there between Nehemiah's personal relationship and accountability to God, and his corporate responsibility? What does this say about his view of community? Why is corporate confession hard for us?

Read: Amos 3:3 & 2 Corinthians 6:14

What is special about being a part of the Christian community? What practical steps can we personally take towards building and nurturing Christian community within our own church?

Read: Nehemiah 3:1, 3:14, Matthew 20:20-28

What is your primary motivation for serving? How can we keep ourselves in check when doing work for the Lord? How does Jesus' example of humbleness and humility in his own servanthood influence your view of service?

Read: Nehemiah 3:5-6

Discuss examples of antagonism in the church. Does antagonism often disguise itself as constructive criticism? What negative impact have you seen from antagonism? What roles do entitlement, complacency and the media play in fostering an antagonistic attitude?

Read: Nehemiah 3:20

What does it mean to work with zeal? What are practical ways that we can ignite passion and excitement in our work for the Lord in ourselves and others?

Read: Psalm 23:4

Do hardships create a chasm in your relationship with God? Do you correlate your good works with your blessings in life or your past failures and sins with your hardships? What are God's promises concerning hardships? How does the knowledge that God draws nearest to us during our most difficult times affect your thinking about hardships?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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