

Don't Come Down

Nehemiah 3:1-32

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Message Summary.

When God calls us to rebuild the wall, we must answer. He never said it was going to be easy, but He does give us what we need in our brokenness if we submit to Him. While in the service of our King, no Kingdom work is beneath us, and we are part of a bigger plan and purpose.

Key Scripture Summaries.

Nehemiah 3:1-4 The priests are not above the work.

Nehemiah 2:14. The ruins are nearly impassable.

Isaiah 22:10. Isaiah confirms rubble was used in rebuilding the wall.

Exodus 4:10-12. Moses doubts his ability to lead.

Judges 6:14-16. Gideon questions his ability to lead.

Nehemiah 3:5. Those who wouldn't help are identified.

Matt. 20:25-28. Jesus came to give His life.

Luke 6:42. Resolve your sin before calling out others.

Nehemiah 3:7-12. Diverse list of people who helped build the wall.

1 Cor. 12:20-27. There are many parts, but one body of Christ.

Nehemiah 3:13-32. Continued list of people who helped rebuild the wall.

Start Talking.

What significance is it to us that Jerusalem's wall was rebuilt with broken and scattered rubble?

Why do you think Nehemiah went out in the middle of the night to survey the wall?

What is the significance of people from neighboring towns helping to rebuild the walls of a city they don't live in?

Start Thinking.

- Read chapter 3 from beginning to end. What are some things that you notice about the descriptions of the people listed?

Start Sharing.

1. Ezra had already brought people to start rebuilding the temple shortly before Nehemiah. Why does Nehemiah start with the Sheep Gate and the High Priest?
2. Why doesn't Nehemiah list any skilled laborers in the specific trade of stonemasonry or construction? Was it because there were none, or is there another reason?
3. Why did Nehemiah have people start repairing the wall close by where they were living?

Start Praying.

Jesus, please help me to open my brokenness to be used by you. Make me humble in the calling to serve your kingdom. Give me excitement and love for your plan and open my eyes to the bigger picture of furthering your Kingdom. Amen.

Start Doing.

- Confess your weakness, sin, and brokenness to God. Ask Him to help you see how you can turn your brokenness for His good.
- Pray to God each morning this week that he will show you the small things you can do for His kingdom. What is the next rock you need to place?
- Ask God to give you a love for his church and to see where you can fill the gap and complete the work He has prepared in advance for you to do.