



September 19th Discussion Guide

Collaborative Effort - Nehemiah 2 & 3

This is a 6 week study from the Book of Nehemiah. Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

Icebreaker (10 min)

Which of the “52” challenges interests you the most? Which will you commit to doing?



Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Nehemiah 2.
 - a. What problem did Nehemiah see and what plan did he propose?
 - b. Who approved the plan?
 - c. How did Nehemiah know what God's plan was? (see Neh. 1:4) *note: the time between 1:1 (prayer) and 2:1 (action) was 4 months! What do you do while waiting on God?
 - d. How can we trust God's plans? (see Isaiah 55:8-9)
 - e. What was the response from some of the people?
 - f. Have you ever been called by God to do something and been discouraged by others? Share your experience with your group.
2. Nehemiah was able to see beyond what is to what could be. Are you a visioncaster or are you an implementer? Discuss how both are equally important!
3. Scan through chapter 3.
 - a. Who is doing the work?
 - b. Are you a leader that also does the work? (see vs. 1) Does your entire church body pitch in to help? Are you doing your part?
 - c. How do you handle group members that do not share the load? (see vs. 5) How can we encourage our church body to get more involved?
 - d. What can you learn from everyone doing the work in their own zones? (see vs. 28)

Application question: God made us special and has a significant role for each of us. What will you do this week to be engaged in living out that role? It took Nehemiah's team 52 days to rebuild the Jerusalem walls. Don't forget about the 4 practical ways to apply the message of Nehemiah as a Church:

- Pray 1 min/day for the next 52 days for the renewal, health and growth of the church.
- Read 52 chapters of the Bible in 52 days.
- Sponsor 52 children through Cheryl's/WGO/Compassion/World Vision.
- Serve 5200 hours as a church!

LORD, You have a plan for each us! Help us pray and listen to hear what that plan is!
Reveal to us how we can help do our part in the church and in the body of Christ!