

"Better Together"
Nehemiah 3

Ice Breaker:

Do you prefer individual sports or team sports? Solo musical performances or group concerts? Individual or group projects? Why?

What is the biggest construction/remodeling project you have ever attempted? What did you learn from this experience?

Read: Nehemiah 3 (...or at least part of it)

1. What insight, principle or observation did you find to be most fresh, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. What is Nehemiah's view of labor?
3. When you face a big task, what helps you accomplish it?
4. What are the various kinds of people who were involved in this rebuilding effort?
5. Describe the best experience you've ever had in working with a team. What are the various skills that others brought that you found valuable? What lessons did you learn?
6. Why do you think the nobles of Tekoa refused to work? (verse 5) What did this mean for the men of Tekoa? (verses 5,27)
7. Nehemiah's name was missing from the list. What do you suppose he was doing during the project?
8. God has given you gifts, skills and experience. What work has God given you to use these in service?

Pray with each other:

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This morning we study a passage that, at quick-read, seems to be only a boring list of hard-to-pronounce names. But a closer look reveals some powerful leadership truths we can apply to every project God calls us to tackle. How can I become a better leader? How can I become a better follower?

1. Foster Unity
2. Empower and release
3. Inspire teamwork
4. Engage personally

Next Step:

Say a personal thank you to someone who has served you, ministered to you, encouraged you. Pick someone who has a totally different gifting than you and write them a note.

Pick up a piece of trash this week to remind yourself that no job is too small for a servant.

Every time you look at the face of your watch (or check time on your phone), remind yourself that the faces of the people you manage/work with are your most important resource. Choose to take one minute of your time each week to personally engage with them. Memorize their name.