

## **ASSEMBLE THE TEAM**

### **Nehemiah 3**

Imagine the task of rebuilding an entire city that has been destroyed. Imagine rebuilding the wall around that city, with no mechanized construction equipment, in 52 days. How does this happen? A team empowered with purpose and united around a mission from God.

**Monday: Read Nehemiah 2:11-16.**

What is it like to feel alone when facing a big challenge or the need to rebuild?  
What can hold you back from sharing or asking for help?

**Tuesday: Read Nehemiah 2:17-18.**

What motivates people to work together as a team?  
How might sharing your story of God at work invite others to join in ministry?

**Wednesday: Read Nehemiah 2:19-20.**

What obstacles can hold a team back?  
What challenges does the church face today in rebuilding?

**Thursday: Read Nehemiah 3:1-16.**

What makes for a great team? What does it feel like to be part of a great team?

**Friday: Read Nehemiah 3:17-32.**

Many people involved in Nehemiah's rebuilding effort took responsibility for the sections of the walls closest to their homes. How can seeing our interconnectedness as a community motivate us to take greater responsibility for the whole?

**Saturday: Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.**

What makes us stronger when we engage in rebuilding together as a team?

## **SUMMARY**

Nehemiah begins by surveying the damage and getting a sense of the scope of the project. Then, when he is ready, he shares with the leadership two important things. First, he presents a vision for a rebuilt city where they will no longer live in disgrace. Second, he tells them his own story, and how God has already been at work in making this project a reality. According to Nehemiah's account, the response is incredible. A huge team of people, from all walks of life, living inside and outside of the city, come together to rebuild.

**Rebuilding anything – organizations, relationships, even individual lives – is best accomplished with a God-centered team supporting one another.**