

Build The Future

Part 4 — Build Together

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Warm-Up

1. Coming out of last week's discussion, how were you able to take inventory in your life?
2. What stood out to you from the message on Sunday?
3. What is something that the Lord has been putting on your heart throughout this series?

Know It

Read Nehemiah 3.

1. What stands out to you with the way that the work on the wall is divided?

Most of these people had probably never built a city wall or done much construction before in their lives. And yet they were willing to step up to do what needed to be done. They were willing to learn new skills *and* use the skills they already had in order to work together and serve their family and community.

Read Romans 12:3-8

What similarities do you see between the unity in Nehemiah and the picture of the body of Christ that Paul paints in Romans?



Encouraging your group members to know what their gifts are and to walk in them and use them frequently is incredibly valuable. This helps build a sense of unity that is vital for the Kingdom.

2. Despite the sense of unity, there were still a few people that didn't help out. What could have held them back?

Try as we might, there may be a handful of people who do not want to get involved or step into the unity of what God is building. Despite the fact that not everyone was helping rebuild the wall, the community did not get discouraged or distracted and stayed true to what they had been called to do.

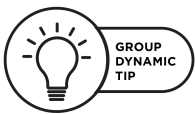
Reread Nehemiah 3:5

How do you think the lack of these men's involvement impacted the work and the people around them?

Own It

1. Who in your life are you “building” with? Who else can you invite into your circle to “build” with?

Community that you can build and rebuild with is so important for our faith walk and spiritual wellbeing. Small groups are a great place to find and maintain that kind of community. It's something that we emphasize quite a bit here at Journey.



While you may be the leader of this group, the group belongs to not just you but to all the members as well. It's a good idea to take the pulse of the group every now and then and see if connections are truly being made and whether or not it's time to invite a few new people into the folds.

2. What “walls” have you inherited from your family? What has been built well and what might need repair?

Family is one of the most important parts of our life where we are often taught our sense of worth and identity and how to navigate the complicated nature of being human. Family is often our greatest support system and has our biggest cheerleaders. But for some of us, family is also where we got most of our scars from. Family can wound us in a way that most other people can't and many of us have inherited generational chains that we are working to break out of.

1 Timothy 5:8

What can you do to make sure that you pass on safe and well built walls to your family?



Some people could talk about their family all day long (and they will if you let them!) while for others, it can be a tough conversation topic. “Family” doesn't have to be restricted to immediate family or blood relatives. This can be your church, community and the people you do life with.

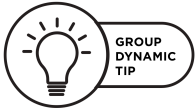
Next Steps

1. What is your “section of the wall” in your family, church, and community where God is calling you to build?

We were all placed on this earth to play a role and do a job. The Lord calls us to be hard working and present. Just because this world is our temporary home, doesn't mean that we shouldn't be investing and taking care of it. We are all given responsibilities; the question is, are we stepping into them? Even when Israel was brought into exile, the Lord still gave them responsibilities to fulfill in a land that wasn't theirs.

Jeremiah 29:4-7

Is there anything that the Lord is calling you to sacrifice?



If someone isn't ready to answer immediately, it's alright to not push it and let them think and pray about it. You may want to follow up with your group during the week and remind them to be considering these questions. You can check in again at the start of the next group meeting and have people share about the progress they have made in this area.

2. What step can you take to pour into someone from the next generation?

Each of us has wisdom, knowledge, and experience that is valuable and should be passed on! Building up the generation(s) after you is an honor and a duty. We need to be preparing those coming after us as best as we can.

Read Psalm 78:1-8

How can you make sure that the next generation is taught the Lord's commands and promises?



If anyone is looking to serve in Kids, Student, or Young Adult ministry, have them reach out to the appropriate contact as soon as possible. When the Lord calls us to action, we want to act immediately.

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Digging Deeper

This week look for maps or videos of what the wall might have looked like and the work that each of the families and communities did.

Why do you think Nehemiah included so many names and roles?

Go to the groups page under Additional Resources and click on the link for *Nehemiah's Wall* for further archaeological information.