

NOTES & QUESTIONS

ALL IN!

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NEHEMIAH 3:1-32

Introduction

1. Diverse _____

2. Generous _____

3. Humble _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

Icebreaker: Describe something you accomplished as part of a group (e.g., a sports team victory, a project at work, a neighborhood block party, etc.). What are the advantages of taking on a challenge as a group as opposed to individually?

1) Take a few minutes to recap Nehemiah's story. Why was his project so important (more than one reason)?

2) Read Nehemiah 3:1-32 to yourself (don't try it out loud) and circle the phrase "next to" every time it appears. How many are there? What do you think is the significance of this phrase?

3) Make a list of the various kinds of workers mentioned in verses: 1, 8, 12, 14, 17, 26, 29, 32. Now make a list of as many volunteer serving positions at Christ Community that you are aware of. Where have you served (or are currently serving) at Christ Community? What serving opportunities would you like to consider in the future? What role does serving play in our Places Need Churches campaign's success?

4) We learn from Nehemiah that when everybody participates in a grand project, the benefits include (from the sermon): accomplishment; ownership; and unity. How would "all in" participation (both serving and giving) in Christ Community's Places Need Churches campaign reap each of those same benefits?

5) Read Nehemiah 2:8. What does Nehemiah ask the king of Persia to contribute to the rebuilding of the wall? Earlier in chapter two (v.2) Nehemiah acknowledges that it was scary to ask the king for help. Why do you think that was the case? What's the potentially scary part of asking people to give generously to Places Need Churches?

6) What are the 3 big ticket items that the Places Need Churches campaign will pay for? Describe what is meant by each--and why each is so important.

7) What are some creative ways in which people could give the most generous gift possible to Places Need Churches? How might you be able to do that? What are two hesitations or questions that you wrestle with as you pray about your gift? What do you think God's response would be to each?

8) Share the story of a time when you gave generously and it brought you great joy, or some other blessing. Read Luke 6:38. Put Jesus' promise into your own words. In light of this promise, why do you think we're often less generous than we could be?

9) Read Nehemiah 3:5. What group of people did not participate in the wall-building project? How do you think they rationalized their non-participation? How does Christ Community plan to raise up staff for new (and existing) campuses? What are the benefits of this approach?

10) What are your two best takeaways from this study for personal application? What are some things to pray about for yourself and Christ Community with regard to Places Need Churches? Please take time to pray along those lines now.