

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

# RESTORED

LESSONS IN NEHEMIAH

## Lesson 5 – Working Together

### Nehemiah 3:1-32

Nehemiah faced an insurmountable challenge to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. This job was not one that could be done solo. If a football or basketball team showed up for a game and only one or two players suited up and stepped out to play, the game would be declared a forfeit and a loss added to the record books. It takes a full team working together to not only play in a game but to win. Nehemiah recognized that building the wall was going to have to be a team effort if the task were ever to succeed. Well, God had a dedicated team ready for him and they are found here in chapter 3. At first glance, it might be easy to just skip this chapter of endless names, but we are going to meet the players and see just who these workers were who came alongside Nehemiah and committed to working together on this restoration project.

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

This Week's Scripture: Nehemiah 3:1-32

*<sup>1</sup>Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests and built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and hung its doors. They built as far as the Tower of the Hundred, and consecrated it, then as far as the Tower of Hananel. <sup>2</sup>Next to Eliashib the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built. <sup>3</sup>Also the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and bars. <sup>4</sup>And next to them Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, made repairs. Next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs. Next to them Zadok the son of Baana made repairs. <sup>5</sup>Next to them the Tekoites made repairs; but their nobles did not put their shoulders to the work of their Lord... (Verses 6 through 27, although still important, were intentionally left out.)*

*<sup>28</sup>Beyond the Horse Gate the priests made repairs, each in front of his own house. <sup>29</sup>After them Zadok the son of Immer made repairs in front of his own house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, made repairs. <sup>30</sup>After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. After him Meshullam*

*the son of Berechiah made repairs in front of his dwelling. <sup>31</sup>After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the Nethinim and of the merchants, in front of the Miphkad Gate, and as far as the upper room at the corner. <sup>32</sup>And between the upper room at the corner, as far as the Sheep Gate, the goldsmiths and the merchants made repairs.*

**This Week's Memory Verse:**

**From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.  
Ephesians 4:16(NKJV)**

1. The phrases “next to them”, “after him”, or “after them” appear 27 times in chapter 3 of Nehemiah. What does this fact and this week’s memory verse tell you about the need for others when we are doing what the Lord has asked? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. How does this scripture reinforce this concept of working together? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. This week’s scripture also emphasizes the fact that for the rebuilding of the wall to be completed, everyone had to do their part. Have you ever been in a situation where God’s work was hindered because someone didn’t do their part? What insights did you gain about teamwork from that situation? \_\_\_\_\_

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