

Restoring Foundations

Restoring Unity (God's Work, God's Way): Nehemiah 3:1-32

1. Review Nehemiah 2:17-18 from last week's study. Since Nehemiah had just arrived in Jerusalem why do you think he explained the problem rather than asking for opinions? What is his vision and where does his authority for proposing it come from? What do you learn about Godly leadership from Nehemiah's example?
2. Read Acts 20:28 with 1 Peter 5:2-3 and Hebrews 13:17. What do these verses tell you about the responsibilities of church leaders and those they lead? How have you been an example of a godly leader or a godly flock? Where have you sinned in your role as a leader or a member of a flock? What do you need to change to be in line with God's view of leadership and those that follow?
3. Read Nehemiah 3:1-32. How does Nehemiah organize the work on the wall? What is the nature of the work and how are the people trained for this kind of work? How does this apply to church ministry? What do you learn about serving in a ministry from this chapter?
4. Read John 17:20-23, Romans 12:5, Romans 15:5-6, and 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. How do you see the truth of these verses exhibited in the building of the wall? What would have been the result if the Israelites were not united in purpose and on board with the plan? Why is it important for everyone serving at GracePoint to be committed to the same overarching purpose of the church?
5. Read Nehemiah 3:5 with 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 1 Corinthians 3:1-5 and Hebrews 12:15. What was the issue identified in Nehemiah 3:5. What do you think was the source of the issue? What does Paul say about conflicts within the church and what we should be done about them? How have you had a similar attitude when asked to serve?
6. Read Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:6-8, and Acts 2:42-47. According to the Bible what is the main purpose of the church and what is GracePoint's plan or strategy for living out this purpose in our community? How do you fit in to God's work at GracePoint's?
7. What can we learn from Nehemiah chapter 3 about being a part of a greater plan to fulfill God's purpose? What can you do to more effectively serve with others to fulfill God's purpose at GracePoint?