



City life: crowds of people, traffic congestion, asphalt and concrete, schools, government, culture, community . . . All of us know what it's like to live in a city. But did you know that God is in the process of building a city of his own right in the midst of our city? Although the story of the Bible starts in the garden (Gen. 1-2), it ends in a city (Rev. 21). And in between God invites us to join him in building his city right where we live. How do we do this? What does this look like? How do we deal with opposition? These are just some of the questions we are going to answer as we dig into the book of Nehemiah. I hope you are ready to let God use you to build his city in our city!

Discussion Questions: (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. Read Nehemiah 3. In vv. 2-12 it says "next to him" showing that they were all in this together. At Pathway our mission is "pursuing true life together in Jesus Christ". How are you currently involved at Pathway in building God's city in the midst of our city? How will you get involved?

2. In Nehemiah 3 we discover 5 insights to help us build God's city together. Looking at these 5 insights, which one stands out to you? Explain.
 - God works through ordinary people.
 - God can use anyone.
 - God wants more than just my money.
 - Some of the work is less desirable.
 - Some people do more than others.

3. In this chapter we see three attitudes in God's people as they build God's city. Looking at these attitudes, which one do you need God to grow/change in you?
 - 1) Those who are working hard are excited to do more.
 - 2) Those who don't work miss out on God's blessing.
 - 3) They start to see their neighborhood as their mission.

4. Building God's city in our city begins and ends with the gospel. Believing the gospel means you believe God can change people and rebuild broken down walls. Who are the people you are asking God to change through the power of the gospel? Spend time praying together for these people.