

Discussion Questions

1. Nehemiah waited three days before he took his first action related to what God had put in his heart to do (Neh. 2:11-12). Do you wait before beginning a task God has put in your heart to do? In what ways can a wait be effective? (Mark 6:30-32, Mat 14:23, Luke 6:12-13)
2. What did Eliashib and his team do to complete their part in repairing the broken walls? (Neh.3: 1) How would you describe the ongoing relationship of Nehemiah with the high priest Eliashib? What happened in Eliashib later in his life?
3. Notice the variety of people that Nehemiah called to the work in this chapter. Discuss ways to engage volunteers in your church, Bible College, or Seminary who are diverse, yet unified in the work (Eph. 4:11-13).
4. What was the Fish Gate used for? (Neh. 3:3-5) What are some different methods for Christian witness? (Mt. 4:19)
5. How can “outsiders” like the men of Tekoa participate in God’s work?
6. What was the Horse Gate used for? (Neh.3: 28-32) How do Christians engage in spiritual warfare? (Eph.6:10-18)
7. What is special about the East Gate? (Ezekiel 43:1-5) What occurred at the Inspection Gate? (1 Cor.3:10-15)
8. What are some advantages of working from home? How do you evaluate your work for God?

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- I. Fensham on Ezra and Nehemiah, P.174
 - II. Expositor’s Bible Commentary on Nehemiah P. 695
 - III. Ibid P. 697
 - IV. Ibid P.698
 - V. Ibid P.699
 - VI. The communicator’s commentary on Nehemiah P.190.