

WALK TALK //



This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!)

We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your LIFEgroup. Although you can review it on your own, it will be most useful to you when processed with others!

1. Even though the wall was completed, the job was not finished for Nehemiah. What else needed to be done to establish the city?
2. What does this tell you about Nehemiah and “finishing the work?” How often do you notice people not finishing a task they began?
3. Why isn't it enough to have just your physical and emotional needs met?
4. What do you learn about Ezra and Nehemiah working together?
5. What happened because of the reading of God's Word? Can we expect that to happen today?
6. What was your favorite part of chapters 7 & 8?



NEHEMIAH 7 & 8 | DENNIS MILLER, LEAD PASTOR | NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2013

Neh. 7:1 After the wall had been rebuilt and I had set the doors in place, the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed. 2 I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most men do. 3 I said to them, “The gates of Jerusalem are not to be opened until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them. Also appoint residents of Jerusalem as guards, some at their posts and some near their own houses.” 4 Now the city was large and spacious, but there were few people in it, and the houses had not yet been rebuilt. 5 So my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles, the officials and the common people for registration by families. I found the genealogical record of those who had been the first to return. This is what I found written there: . . .

Restoring A City

Once the walls of the city were rebuilt, specific steps needed to be taken to _____ and _____ the city.

1. _____ were appointed: Hanani — Hananiah

Neh. 1:2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.

2. A strategy for the _____ was put into

Neh. 7:3 . . . “The gates of Jerusalem are not to be opened until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them. . . .

3. A plan for _____ was established.

Neh. 7:3 . . . Also appoint residents of Jerusalem as guards, some at their posts and some near their own houses.”





4. A search was done to determine who _____ belonged _____ the city, and who would be _____.

Neh. 7:5 So my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles, the officials and the common people for registration by families. I found the genealogical record of those who had been the first to return. This is what I found written there:

What God Had Put In My Heart

Neh. 2:12 I set out during the night with a few men. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem.

Neh. 7:5 So my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles . . .

What project or ministry has God placed in _____ heart? When you are successful with _____ tasks, He will give you _____ ones!

Having your _____ and emotional needs met, can still leave a lot of _____!

Restoring A People

Neh. 8:1 all the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. 2 So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. 3 He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. 4 Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam. 5 Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. 6 Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. 7 The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodia, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiah—instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. 8 They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read. 9 Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is sacred to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as

they listened to the words of the Law. 10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." 11 The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a sacred day. Do not grieve." 12 Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

Note: The Book of Nehemiah has been written in the _____-person, but now switches to _____-person.

1. The people gathered at the _____ Gate.
2. Ezra was asked to read the _____, and did so from a _____ (pulpit) that was raised above the people.
Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.

— Please note that each of us has our areas of _____ and leadership. Nehemiah was an organizer and _____, but not an expert in the Scriptures.

— Jerusalem began the new year with the _____.

— Ezra read for 6 hours while others _____ and _____ what was being read.

3. The people _____ and _____ attentively.

— They responded in _____. (Amen)

— They bowed down and _____ the _____.

— They _____ and _____.

4. But the people were told to _____, and they did with _____, because they _____ God's Word.

Note: A great society without _____ will have little _____ or _____!

