

“GOD IS AT WORK!”

NEHEMIAH 3-4

What is God doing?

CHAPTER 3

I. God is at work _____ His people to accomplish His purpose.

A. God continues to _____ His people together with a common mission and purpose.

They did the work together. (vv. 17-21)

They did the work nearest to them. (v. 28)

They came from a variety of backgrounds. (v. 32)

God took note of each individual's contribution. (v. 20)

The strength of the whole is in direct proportion to the strength of each of the parts.

B. God continues to _____ His people to accomplish His purpose. (vv. 4-6)

CHAPTER 4

II. God is at work demonstrating His _____ even in difficult circumstances.

A. The people faced some very difficult _____. (vv. 1-14)

Ridicule from their critics (vv. 1-6)

External physical threat (vv. 7-9)

Discouragement among the workers (vv. 10-14)

B. The people responded in faith and _____ upon God. (vv. 15-23)

APPLICATION

And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes." Nehemiah 4:14

Don't be _____.

_____ the Lord!

Get _____ in His work.

REBUILDING

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

HOME GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What work has God given you to do? How did this sermon encourage you in that work?

2. Read Nehemiah chapter 3. The animals for sacrifices at the Temple were brought in through the Sheep Gate (see illustration below right). Why do you think this chapter starts and ends the way it does, and why is it important?

3. What strategy did Nehemiah employ in tackling the huge job? What does that say about Nehemiah's view of labor, and how does it compare with your own view?

4. Read Nehemiah chapter 4. What tactics did Sanballat and Tobiah use in ridiculing the people of God? What was Nehemiah's plan for dealing with them, and how does that encourage you?

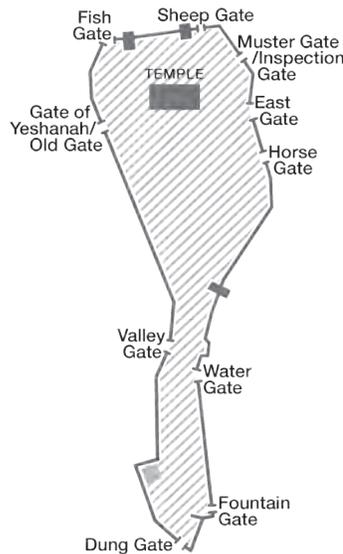
5. What kinds of opposition do we as believers face today? What specific steps from Nehemiah's example can we utilize to help us keep working despite opposition?

6. How do you typically respond to discouragement in the work God has given you? How do you think God would like you to respond? How can you continue His work when discouraged?

"We are fit for the work of God only when we have wept over it, prayed about it, and then we are enabled by Him to tackle the job that needs to be done."

ALAN REDPATH

GATES OF JERUSALEM



COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE? We want (and need!) you serving with us. From Children's Ministry and the First Impressions Team to Internet Campus hosts and our Live Production Team, there's a way you can serve with your church family. Text "CCBCServe" to 94090 and we'll send you more info right away, or head to www.ccbcfamily.org/serve.

A NEW DATE NIGHT EXPERIENCE RELEASES THIS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10! Are you ready for Valentine's Day? We're putting together something extra special for the February CCBC Date Night experience, which will be available to you just in time at www.ccbcfamily.org/events. We can't spill all the details here, but the plan does include a restaurant-worthy recipe, an activity to make you laugh and some conversation starters to connect with your favorite person on planet Earth. Go ahead and put your date night on the calendar now, and get to planning this Wednesday.

GRIEFSHARE STARTS ONLINE THIS THURSDAY, FEB. 11. If you have lost a loved one, we are so sorry. GriefShare is a 10-week gathering where you can process your thoughts and feelings, and gain hope along with practical help for honoring and remembering your loved one as you start to move forward. The group will meet online on Thursdays, beginning this week, at 6 p.m. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events to learn more and register today.

SINGLE MOMS, RSVP FOR THIS FRIDAY'S OASIS GATHERING. Oasis is a small, monthly hangout for single moms to relax and have some fun together in encouraging community. To learn more about their February get-together, scheduled for this Friday, email Kristin at KristinH@christchapelbc.org.

READY TO BE BAPTIZED? If you've made the decision to follow Jesus as your Savior, we are so excited! Plans for a February baptism celebration are underway and we'd love to include you in them. Email Hannah at HannahS@christchapelbc.org to ask questions and sign up this week.

REGISTER FOR MUSIKGARTEN—IT'S ALL KINDS OF MUSIC FUN! Musikgarten classes are designed for ages 0 to 5 and, this semester, they're all online. Parents, if you are looking for a new stay-at-home activity, this is it. Your little ones will have fun making sounds, singing along and playing instruments with new friends, plus it's a way for parents to connect, too. See the class schedule and register today at www.ccbcfamily.org/musikgarten.

JUMP INTO PSALMS WITH US THIS WEEK. As part of this year's Family Focused ministry vision, Christ Chapelites are reading through the Book of Psalms together. You can join us this week! Download the Christ Chapel app and look for the plan, called "God Is With Us," on the app's main page. We've even included a couple questions to help you dig into each day's reading.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text "CCBCFW" to 77977 to get started.

