

DIGGING DEEPER GUIDE

BIG IDEA: TEAMWORK IS ESSENTIAL FOR MINISTRY

Getting Started

Which do you prefer and why: Individual or team sports? Solo music or group concerts?

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. How many professional groups or classes of the Jewish community participated in Nehemiah's team? Why do you think the "nobles" of Tekoa refused to work?
2. What do you learn from the fact that Nehemiah knew who worked "next to" whom? What does this tell you about the organization and cooperation involved in this effort?
3. Nehemiah's name is not listed in this chapter. What do you suppose Nehemiah was doing while the others were completing the work?
4. What attitudes and actions from Nehemiah's team of builders apply to Christians who want to build up the church?
5. From Nehemiah, what do you learn about how to deal with "nobles of Tekoa?" (v.5,27)
6. What groups are you involved in where you serve "next to" someone to accomplish something bigger than the two of you? What is the culture and attitude like? How is God calling you to be a leader in those situations?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

Prayer: Jesus, thank you for the opportunity to work together to accomplish your work in our world. May our culture, teamwork and attitude be a shining example of hope to those around us. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

Going Deeper: Read Nehemiah 3-4 this week. Why would Nehemiah include such detail in the rebuilding work? How important was each person to him? Why would some people be opposed to completing the project? What can you learn for your own leadership?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

"Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them...Uzziel son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next section; and Hananiah, one of the perfume-makers, made repairs next to that. They restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall..." Nehemiah 3:1-2, 8

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

This morning we would like to take a moment to welcome six new members to the Redeemer congregation. Joining in official membership today are: Christine & Stephen DeGrow, Theresa Dubiel, Yvonne Grimes, and Mary & Mazin Heiderson. We are so glad to have you as a part of our church. Take a moment and introduce yourselves to them this morning if you get a chance.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

Starting next Sunday, we will be collecting items at both campuses for our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for local families. If you would like to contribute, please bring in non-perishable items that would be appropriate for a Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner or make a monetary donation on our website at myredeemer.church or by using a pew envelope for HOLIDAY BASKETS and we will shop for you. Please be praying also for the families impacted by this ministry and that the love of Jesus is felt this holiday season.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING

Come visit us at 'An Event So Good It's Scary' in St. Johns on Friday, October 29, from 3:30-5:30. We will be by the library on Railroad St. in downtown St. Johns handing out candy. Come join the fall fun trick-or-treating by daylight.

If you would like to volunteer to help out at the church booth, sign-up through our [#bethechurch](#) link.

Thank you to the Grimes family for helping with the DeWitt Trick-or-Treat Trail yesterday!

HELP HELP HELP!!!! just kidding!

Is reading stories, building blocks, and baby snuggles your 'thing'?? Looking for a once a month volunteer commitment? If you answered 'yes', the Redeemer Nursery needs YOU! We are looking for more nursery team members. The commitment is typically once a month, during services at 9:30 and/or 11am on a Sunday. We need a minimum of two adults, or one adult and one teenage youth. Sign up is easy on the Redeemer App, click SIGN UPS, then click on nursery.

Questions—please contact Wendy Elliott, wendy@dewittredeemer.org or 517 819 9706.

For the safety of our children, we require all volunteers to be background checked (provided by Redeemer) and to be vaccinated or wear a mask.

DOWNLOAD THE NEW REDEEMER APP TODAY

We want to take a minute this week to highlight our new Redeemer Mobile App. If you haven't taken the time to download it to your phone, we encourage you to do it today. It is easy and it is free! It is the best way to stay involved, get the latest updates, and sign up to help out in various events.

We've worked hard to make it easy and simple to use. You will see that there are five categories on the home page: **Sundays, Give, Events, Sign-ups, and Contact**. Also, notice the four tabs along the bottom: **Home, Connect, Audio Bible, and Media**. The Media tab is where you can find all of the messages from both campuses. You can watch or listen to them anytime!

There is so much available at the push of a button, get your updated app today by clicking on the Android or Apple buttons near the bottom of our homepage at www.myredeemer.church!

DEWITT CAMPUS WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday • October 24

- Worship Services
8:15, 9:30, & 11:00am
- Children's Ministry Online
ZOOM —9:00-9:20am
- Christian Education Classes
for 3-years old—Grade 12 at 9:30am
- Adult Bible Study—9:30am
in the Conference Room
- Nursery at 9:30 & 11am

Monday • October 25

- Charge Conference on ZOOM

Tuesday • October 26

- Food Pantry
10am-2pm & 5:30-7pm
- MSM Youth Group—6-7:30

Wednesday • October 27

- Senior Bible Study—10am
- Praise Team Practice

Friday & Saturday

- Building Closed

Sunday • October 31

- Worship Services
8:15, 9:30, & 11:00am
- Children's Ministry Online
ZOOM —9:00-9:20am
(register for Christian Education to receive the link)
- Adult Bible Study—9:30am
in the Conference Room
- Christian Education Classes
In-person for 3-years old to Grade 12 at 9:30am
- Nursery at 9:30 & 11am

Sermon Notes:



For upcoming
Outreach events that
you can participate in
— check out
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