

Small Group Study Guide

“A Call To Rebuild: After the Wall...”

Nehemiah 7:1-3

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Relate

As a group, discuss how you would go about separating a large group for a variety of group activities or games, i.e. Pictionary, basketball, tables at a luncheon, or car-pooling.

Review

Have you ever been picked first for a group game or activity? What about last? What are the challenges of being the one making the selections?

Read Nehemiah 7:1-3 together.

Do you respond more to someone who has a role/title, or someone who has strength of character?

If you were selecting the key officials and caretakers of Jerusalem, what would you base your decision on? What would you say Nehemiah based these decisions on?

Is there any significance to the order that Nehemiah selected people in? Why the selection of Hanani and Hananiah after the gatekeepers, singers, and Levites?

What should be factors we consider when placing someone in leadership of a particular ministry area? Are there common requirements that are shared among different roles?

Dig

Considering role requirements, what can believers learn from Ephesians 4:7-8,11-13?

What is the purpose or goal of these roles?

Are the roles as effective working separately and/or together?

What do these verses tell us about integrity or faithfulness?

-Ps 25:11

-Proverbs 28:6

-Proverbs 29:10

-1 Cor. 15:33

-Titus 2:7

Discuss the following verses relating to a healthy fear of God.

-Exodus 20:20 (Don't be afraid...fear of God will be with you??)

-1 Samuel 12:14

-Ecclesiastes 12:13

Live

Personal evaluation: Would Nehemiah pick me for a key role in the leadership or governance of the City? ...in ministry?

What ministry area/role is God preparing you for? Seek out a “first step” that God might want you to take.