



Discussion
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"THE WORK"

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THE WALL

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THE POINT:

**WHEN YOU'RE FACING THE WALL,
PUT ASIDE YOUR PRIDE AND SHARE THE WORK**

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our “antennae up”, to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see “The References” section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Which is worse: being forced to do an important job without any training, OR being totally bored because you have too much skill in a job?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Since this series builds on the life of Nehemiah, take a moment to review *last week's* Point*: what was the situation/Nehemiah's role/etc.?
- Nehemiah was a great leader and was able to bring together the people of Jerusalem to rebuild the wall, despite their differences. Read these verses and discuss why each could have objected to building:
 - Nehemiah 3:1,9,17 [What were their *Positions*?]
 - Nehemiah 3:8,11,32 [What were their *Professions*?]
 - Nehemiah 3:2,7,27 [What was their "*Possession*"?]
 - Nehemiah 3:12 [What was their *Place in Life*?]
- It is just as easy for us to make excuses and not share the work God has given us. What do you think causes us to make excuses? Why?
- Read each excuse below & discuss how the verse speaks against it:
 - *Position* says, "I'm Too Important" Philippians 2:3-8
 - *Profession* says, "That's Not My Job" 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
 - *Possession* says, "That's Not My Problem" 1 Cor. 12:12-13, 26-27
 - *Place in Life* says, "When I Get Older..." 1 Timothy 4:12
- Which of these excuses is your most frequent "go-to" excuse when it comes to doing what God has called *you* to do? Why is that?
- Close by asking God to help you put aside your pride and obey Him.
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The References

Main Passage: **Nehemiah 3:1-32 (NIV)**

...8Uzziel 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. 9Rephaiah son of Hur, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section...

Philippians 2:3-8 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

... I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some...

1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 26-27 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ...if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad...

1 Timothy 4:12 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.