



WEEK 4: COMMUNITY

VIDEO:

This video will introduce the concept of community, tying into our DEPLOY series as well as setting the stage for the story from Nehemiah.

STORY:

Read the story of Nehemiah 3:1-32. Here is some background information to read before studying the text:

- Nehemiah may have set the vision for rebuilding Jerusalem's walls, but there was no way he could have done the work alone. The wall circling Jerusalem was around three miles long in that time. In order to get the work done, Nehemiah would need help.
- Notice all the people who helped rebuild the walls! The high priests chipped in. A perfume maker, a goldsmith, and merchants are said to have participated, as well. Most everyone in Jerusalem – regardless of their walk of life – came together to help.
- It wasn't just Jerusalem who came together for this. The text mentions people from Gibeon, Mizpah and Zanoah as joining in the work. People from the surrounding area came to help Nehemiah in this endeavor.
- Notice in 3:28-32 how many people worked at rebuilding the wall around their personal residence. Nehemiah made them responsible for an area they had a vested interest in. By working to rebuild these sections of the wall, they would be working to protect their families.

QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of events force a community to come together? What happens when people band together in this way?
2. How will our mission require community? Why can't we do it alone?
3. What can we as a Life Group do to contribute to the vision? What specific things can we do to Bring, Invest, Give and Go?

Spend some time developing an action plan as a group. What will you do to contribute to the vision of Cornerstone? How will your group contribute to the larger community? Close with prayer.



Notes

