



## Our Essentials – Nehemiah 3-7

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Nehemiah 2:18*

### Three Essential Realities

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not \_\_\_\_\_. (Nehemiah 3)

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each one serving 'next to' the other.

**Our Primary Goal: 100% Engagement!**

2. Building up to reach out is \_\_\_\_\_ work, not \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Nehemiah 4 & 6)

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and night to meet this threat."  
Nehemiah 4:9*

*"They realized that this work had been done  
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3. Building up to reach out is for \_\_\_\_\_, not for \_\_\_\_\_.  
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*"Now the city was large and spacious, but **there  
were few people in it**, and the houses had not yet  
been rebuilt. So my God put it into my heart to  
assemble the nobles, the officials and the common  
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to the work...**"  
Nehemiah 7:4-5 & 66-70*

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## Build Up to Reach Out: Our Essentials

Questions based on sermon on April 21, 2024

### Getting to Know Me

1. Do you prefer to stay on-trail or go off the beaten path when you travel?

### Digging Deeper

2. What new insight or information did you learn from hearing Pastor Phil's sermon this Sunday?
3. Nehemiah 3 illustrates that it's about the team, not talent. As you read or scan this list of names and their work, what words, phrases or observations jump out to you?
4. In Nehemiah 4, the opposition heats up but Nehemiah reminds us that this is God's work and not their own. Read Nehemiah 4:1-3. What was Nehemiah's response to the criticism and mocking? Have you ever felt criticized or mocked because of your faith or something God was calling you to do? How have you responded?
5. Compare Nehemiah 7:4 (reality before the wall) with 7:66-69 (after the wall). What resulted from the work, time, and effort of building the wall? How was building up this wall essential to reaching those who weren't there yet?
6. What part did generosity and sacrifice play in this work? See Nehemiah 5:14-19 and 7:70-72.

### Making it Personal

7. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. What is the result of the work, time, and effort of being "Christ's ambassador"? How are you Christ's ambassador in your relationships today?

8. We're given the metaphor of being part of the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:21-27. How does this relate to Nehemiah 3 where it lists those who worked on the wall? How does this passage relate to your role in the ministry of our church?
9. Read Nehemiah 5:15. What was Nehemiah's motivation for living generously? How does "reverence for God" work itself out in your life?

### Build Up and Reach Out

10. Read Nehemiah 3:23. Everyone played a part in building what was most important to them ("across from his house"). What means the most to you in RMCC's plans to *Build Up and Reach Out*? What is your "Why" for getting involved?
11. We were reminded Sunday that we have an enemy who is constantly seeking to stop us from joining God's work. What resistance do you sense rising up when you consider our church's vision to *Build Up to Reach Out*? Where do you think this resistance comes from? How will you respond?

### Prayer

Many years before Nehemiah, King David sought to *build up* God's temple in Jerusalem. Close in praying King David's prayer together:

*"Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand" (1 Chronicles 29:10-14).*

*We exist to glorify God by guiding people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.*



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