



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

Nehemiah

Working together to repair the walls

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

February 1, 2026

Working hard for God is never easy. This week we dig deeper into how we can work successfully at building God's Kingdom.

Monday: Exodus 28; Nehemiah 3:1

In Nehemiah 3:1 who was working to rebuild the gate? Why might that have been a difficult thing to do given his position? In Exodus, what was the role of the High Priest? What were the priestly garments? What did they symbolize? Do you find it amazing that the high priest would stoop to manual labor? Why is it important for the leader to work? Why was this an important gate to repair? We have already learned that the lamb of God would be brought through this gate to be sacrificed for the sins of the people. Why do you think that the rebuilding started right there? They were committed to putting God first. Is He first in your life?

Tuesday: Nehemiah 3:1-32

Read the chapter slowly and carefully. See if you can see all 28 places where people built next to a neighbor. What is the importance to you that they built next to others? Have you ever felt that you were alone in your service to God? Is that really true? Why is it important to work next to others when serving God? Is there enough work for everyone? What happens when you try to do it all yourself? Today, pray about who you can serve with or next to.

Wednesday: Nehemiah 3:5

Who were the workers in this verse? What was true of some in their ranks? Why did the nobles refuse to work? Should they have put their shoulders to the work? What happens when people refuse to work in the labor God has given us? What work has God given you to do? Are you too important to serve in the more ignoble tasks? Pray about how you can serve those 'beneath you'.

Thursday: Nehemiah 3:27

What did the workers of Takoa do when they finished their assigned work? In God's economy, do you ever finish your work? As long as God is still at work bringing people to Himself, there is work for you to do. Today, even if you finish your assignment at church, look for ways you can go the extra mile.

Friday: Nehemiah 3:10;23; 28-30

Alan Redpath writes, "The witness of Christian people is no more effective anywhere in public than it is at home." Why is it important to be a good example at home, even before being a witness at church? How does our witness at home affect the witness at church? What is true about each of the people who are represented in these verses? How is your home life? In what ways can you improve your prayer life with your family? How have you seen God protect your family? Are you being faithful to your spouse if you are married? How are you guarding against using your tongue to tear others down? Today, ask the Lord to help you be a spiritually mature person in your family.

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 3:11-13; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Nehemiah was more about honoring and glorifying the Lord than he was about building the wall. What are the spiritual reasons why we should be as well? Why is it important to glorify God at home and with our neighbors? What happens when we act in a self-centered way? What happens when we act in a way that honors Jesus Christ? Process that in your interaction with people. Are you building your life to be stubble, or refined gold? What do you need to do to be building for eternity with the Lord?