



# THIS IS YOUR SPACE TO STAND UP

## REFLECTION POINTS 9 AUG 2020

### NEHEMIAH 3:1-12

“ Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them.

The Fish Gate was rebuilt by the sons of Hassenaah. They laid its beams and put its doors and bolts and bars in place. Meremoth son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired the next section. Next to him Meshullam son of Berekiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs, and next to him Zadok son of Baana also made repairs. The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.

The Jeshanah Gate was repaired by Joiada son of Paseah and Meshullam son of Besodeiah. They laid its beams and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. Next to them, repairs were made by men from Gibeon and Mizpah—Melatiah of Gibeon and Jadon of Meroth—places under the authority of the governor of Trans-Euphrates. Uzziel 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. Rephaiah son of Hur, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section. Adjoining this, Jedaiah son of Harumaph made repairs opposite his house, and Hattush son of Hashabneiah made repairs next to him. Malkijah son of Harim and Hasshub son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. Shallum son of Hallohesh, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section with the help of his daughters.

### REFLECTION POINTS AND QUESTIONS

Nehemiah 1:1-12 is a wonderful narrative of how people from all parts of life come together with one goal to do God's work. Nehemiah was moved by God to fix the wall of Jerusalem. With the king's blessings he sets back to Jerusalem to gather the people and to build the wall. It is a wonderful example of teamwork and unity. People banding together to complete God's work.

Nehemiah isn't one of the most quoted or referenced books in the bible. What do you know about Nehemiah?

What stood out for you when you read the passage (Nehemiah 3:1-12)?

The priests are the first workers mentioned, what does this say to you about leadership and how the priests were leading by example?

The world is full of good leaders and bad leaders, what are some of the qualities of a good leader in today's society?

In verse 1 it states that after building that gates, the priests dedicated their work. What in our life do we need to dedicate to God?

Out of all of the diverse people mentioned in this passage, which stands out to you the most? (maybe perfume-makers, goldsmith, rulers or maybe daughters of Shallum?)

What situations have you been in where people have worked together from diverse backgrounds?

As a diverse group, we the church have a huge potential,

- What can we be doing to help each other?
- What can we be doing to help the church?
- What can we be doing to help our community?

## **CLOSING PRAYER (TAKEN FROM UNITING IN WORSHIP 2)**

Risen, reigning Christ, in you past, present and future are brought together in one great hope.

Renew our faith in you, so that the past may not hinder us, nor the present overwhelm us, nor the future frighten us.

You have brought us this far; continue to lead us until our hope is fulfilled and we join all God's people in never-ending praise;

for your name's sake.

Amen

