

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Nehemiah 3-4
The Wise Builder

Getting Started

Describe a building project that turned out to be a bigger challenge than you'd anticipated.

Digging In

1. **Read Nehemiah ch. 3.** As you read, jot down the occupations (or positions) of the people who helped with the rebuilding.
2. What can we conclude from this?
3. Who did **not** help with the rebuilding? (v. 5) What can we conclude from this?
4. **Read Neh 4:1-6.** Summarize this first round of opposition.
5. How did Nehemiah and the people respond?
6. **Read Neh 4:7-9.** What form did opposition take this time?
7. How did Nehemiah and the people respond?
8. **Read Neh 4:10-12.** List the various kinds of opposition described in these verses.
9. **Read Neh 4:13-23.** What practical steps did Nehemiah take to protect the people while they continued the rebuilding?
10. What did he say to encourage them? (v. 14)
11. What does it mean to *remember the Lord*? (Neh 4:14)
12. Name some ways we can put that into practice today. Be specific.



Getting Personal

- What problems is the Church facing today that could cause us to become discouraged and lose heart?
- How can the lessons from Nehemiah 4 help us to persevere in the work God has given us to do?
- What opposition are you facing personally?
- How can Nehemiah's example help you respond not with fear but with faith?