

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Sunday October 4, 2020

Nehemiah 6:15-19

Rebuilding: God Always Finishes What He Starts

INTRODUCTION

- What is your favorite project you have ever completed?

This week we read about the completion of the wall. What an amazing job God has completed through Nehemiah and the people of Jerusalem. But just like our lives, the story is not over. There is more to come. Let's praise God that he is not finished with us. Stop and pray over your time discussing the sermon. Ask the Lord to help you glean his truths from this passage.

Philippians 1:3-7

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. (ESV)

INTO THE BIBLE

Read Nehemiah 6:15-19

- What new insights do you observe about Nehemiah?
- What are some of the things that may have contributed to the nations around Judah perceiving that this work on the wall had been accomplished with the help of God? (vs. 16)

Look up the following verses: What do you observe about the tongue?

- Proverbs 21:23
- Proverbs 18:21
- James 1:19-20
- Matthew 12:35-37

- Proverbs 16:24
 - Ephesians 4:29
 - Psalm 19:14
 - Colossians 3:8
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- In what ways do these verses add meaning to what we have read in Nehemiah?
 - What do you glean about Nehemiah's character by the way he responds to the opposition?

Read Nehemiah 6:19 again

- What do you imagine Nehemiah might have been experiencing due to these circumstances?
- Think back over the first 6 chapters of Nehemiah. In what ways had completing the wall been an Only God story?

APPLICATION

- What stands out to you from this week's study of Nehemiah?
- What parts of your own story are "Only God" moments that shine the light on the Lord?
- In what area of your life do you need to see God move in your life?
- Stop and consider your own life. What areas of your life might God be asking you to "hold your tongue" and let God do his work?

Isaiah 25:1

O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure. (ESV)