

After a plan is developed and communicated, it's time to execute! A leader might be tempted to take every part of the project on. However, to build a wall takes the effort and talents of whole communities. We see Nehemiah implementing the plan by parsing out the work into logical sections and allowing people to join in building where they are invested and gifted. In this study we will try to better understand what it takes to lead and execute our assignments with excellence.

1. Think of a time you participated in completing a task or project where there was a plan in place. What makes execution of a plan successful or unsuccessful?

“And they said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’ So they strengthened their hands for the good work.” - Nehemiah 2:17b (ESV)

2. **Read Nehemiah 2:17-20.** Sometimes we attempt to motivate others by complaining and other times by inspiring them. What do you observe about Nehemiah's call to action and the people's response?

“Above the Horse Gate the priests repaired, each one opposite his own house.” - Nehemiah 3:28 (ESV)

3. **Review Nehemiah 3.** As you look at the sections completed by different groups, why do you think each team was building in a different location? Can you draw a parallel to your own assignments in completing a project or task?

“And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord.” - Nehemiah 3:5 (ESV)

4. **Read Nehemiah 3:5, 12 and 27.** Notice that some nobles and rulers repaired and some did not. What do we do when we encounter “nobles” or leaders who won’t stoop?

5. What is your assignment, your section, and how have you been gifted to accomplish it?