

Sermon Notes – Participating In God’s Mission Nehemiah 3

God’s people respond to Nehemiah’s challenge to rebuild the gates and walls of Jerusalem.

1. Participating in God’s Mission involves repairing broken walls.

We all need restoration due to sin.

Christianity is a lifetime of personal restoration and transformation.

David after repentance – Psalm 51:18 “build up the walls of Jerusalem”

2. Participating in God’s mission involves embracing the call to serve.

Words “next to them”, another 35 times. People took action.

Some refused to “stoop”. (v5) Pride.

Trouble with supervisors or overseers. (Heb 13:17)

3. Participating in God’s mission involves deploying a diversity of people.

Priests (v1), goldsmiths and perfumers (v8), political rulers/governors (v9, 12), families (v12).

Some served in unfavourable locations. “Dung Gate” (v14)

4. Participating in God’s mission involves labouring with joy and enthusiasm.

(v20) Baruch, worked “zealously” or “earnestly”.

(2 Tim 1:6, Titus 2:14, Rom 12:11)