

# How to make sure your work is **WORKING**

**Nehemiah 3:1-6**



# We've all heard the statement

Work smarter  
Not harder



Most of us are busy  
Few are achieving their goals  
and vision

Not only did Nehemiah plan  
He worked smart

# Main Idea

**There is no task that cannot be completed using GOD  
backed plans**

**according to**

**GOD designed principles**

# Nehemiah 3:1-3

3 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel. 2 And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built. 3 The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

# Nehemiah 3:4-6

<sup>4</sup> And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, son of Meshezabel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired. <sup>5</sup> And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord. <sup>6</sup> Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Gate of Yeshanah. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

# Its time to go to work



Nehemiah has found his vision  
He has scouted out the land  
He has recruited a team

**NOW IT'S TIME TO GO TO WORK**

Nehemiah did in 52 days  
What Israel hadn't done in 141 YEARS

# Nehemiah's recipe for work that works



Tap into why  
Break it down  
It takes a team

# Tap into the WHY

The work of rebuilding was HARD  
But it was worth it

Connected the WORK to the WHY

Priests built near the temple (v.1, 28)  
Temple servants could see their houses (v.  
26)  
Judah worked beside their houses (v. 23)

WHAT  
IS  
YOUR  
WHY?



# Break it Down



**A massive and overwhelming  
project**

**Broken down into manageable  
pieces**

**Focus on the task  
Not the trouble**

**He didn't spend time  
He invested it**

# It takes a team



Forty one groups were assembled

Nehemiah focused on his strengths

Surrounded himself

People who were strong  
Where he was weak

# Are you doing it all wrong?

Salt and sugar look a lot alike

But only one goes into a cake

Is your work working?



You're doing it all wrong!