



GROUP & FAMILY MATERIALS

WEEK 4

DO NOT GIVE UP MEETING TOGETHER, AS
SOME ARE IN THE HABIT OF DOING, BUT
ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER...

HEBREWS 10:25 (NIV)

WEEK 4 COOPERATION

INTRODUCTION

Cooperation is about coming together, realizing that we are better together than we are alone. Cooperation is about building a legacy for future generations by working together.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

NEHEMIAH 3:1-8 (NIV)

BUILDERS OF THE WALL

¹ Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. ² The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them.

³ The Fish Gate was rebuilt by the sons of Hassenaah. They laid its beams and put its doors and bolts and bars in place. ⁴ Meremoth son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired the next section. Next to him Meshullam son of Berekiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs, and next to him Zadok son of Baana also made repairs. ⁵ The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors.

⁶ The Jeshanah Gate was repaired by Joiada son of Paseah and Meshullam son of Besodeiah. They laid its beams and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. ⁷ Next to them, repairs were made by men from Gibeon and Mizpah—Melatiah of Gibeon and Jadon of Meronoth—places under the authority of the governor of Trans-Euphrates. ⁸ Uzziel son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next section; and Hananiah, one of the perfume-makers, made repairs next to that. They restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.

PERSONAL READING & OBSERVATIONS

NEHEMIAH 3:1-8

Why did Nehemiah go to the trouble of mentioning all these people who worked on the wall by their specific family names?

There is only one “but” in this passage. Why do you think this is significant? (Nehemiah 3:5)

The words “next to him” and “next to them” appear multiple times. Why do you think this is important?

What are the different vocations of wall rebuilders mentioned in this passage?

WEEKEND MESSAGE NOTES

Bring your Guidebook with you to church to take notes!

► WATCH JEFF'S WEEK 4 VIDEO:
COOPERATION

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR GROUPS

What are the benefits of doing something together versus doing it alone?

Why do you think Nehemiah goes into such great detail about who and what each person was doing to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem? What would have happened if each person didn't do their part?

What part of our weekend message encouraged or challenged you and why?

How does Rise Up need cooperation for us to be successful? How does this story of cooperation impact your thinking toward your part in our Rise Up initiative?

Finding a way to contribute is not easy. What are some creative ways to make sacrifices that could allow someone to contribute to the Rise Up campaign?

PRAYER

Ask God to expand our generosity and unity. Pray that as we Love Him More our generosity will be inspired and as we work together our unity will expand.

COMPASSKIDS CORNER**A FAMILY ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION GUIDE**

Fold a piece of paper in thirds, then take turns secretly drawing a head, body, and legs of an alien from another planet. Your child can secretly draw the head, then fold it over to the body section and pass it to you. Once you have secretly drawn the body, fold it over to the legs section and pass it back to your child. Once done, open up the paper and enjoy your creation.



Nehemiah 3:1-8



The rebuilding of the broken-down walls of Jerusalem was a team effort. Just like our drawing of the alien took us working together, the people of Jerusalem worked side-by-side on small sections of the wall. Nehemiah made sure to mention all the people that worked hard. There however was one group of people that refused to rebuild the wall. Did you notice who they were? Let's re-read Nehemiah 3:5 to find out.



- Why do you think Nehemiah listed all the people who worked on rebuilding the wall?
- Why do you think the nobles refused to do any of the work? Do you know anyone that sometimes doesn't want to work hard?
- Why is it important that everyone on a team work hard?
- What teams have you been a part of? Which one was your favorite? Why?
- How many people do you think it will take to raise the money needed to build the new church building for our South Naperville Campus building and to help people Here, Near & Far?



Let's pray that enough people would be part of the team needed to raise money for Rise Up.