



Title: Ordinary People (Nehemiah: week 4)

Text: Nehemiah 3:1-32

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Intro: What does a long list of Hebrew names have to do with us today? More than we think. This message from Nehemiah 3 illustrates how God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Nehemiah 3:1-32

1. History is important. We should honor those who have labored before us.

- Psalm 145:4
- How did I come to know Christ? God used some regular / imperfect people to build a wall that stretched to me.
- The arrogance of younger Christians and younger churches is really staggering.
- We should strive for “Generational generosity.”
- We are not reacting against tradition here. We are responding to Jesus.

2. It takes all different types of people.

- The Goldsmith and Perfumer (two very different types probably) work right next to each other on the wall! (Nehemiah 3:8).

3. Some people just consume they don't contribute.

- Certain nobles would not stoop to serve the Lord (Nehemiah 3:5). Although that specific problem of snobby rich people is not a problem for us at CrossPointe, we do need to guard against creating a culture in which people consume but are never pushed to contribute.

4. Doing inglorious work faithfully brings great glory to God.

- Malchijah prepared the Dung Gate. That was the place that all the refuse and garbage was taken. It was an undesirable job, but somebody had to do it. (Nehemiah 3:14).
- The NIV says in Nehemiah 3:20 that Baruch worked “zealously” on his part of the wall.
- Colossians 3:23

5. Finish what you start.

- They started at the Sheep Gate and finished at the Sheep Gate.
- Philippians 1:6 & Philippians 2:12-13.

6. God uses ordinary people!

- Ephesians 2:8-10.