

Discussion Questions

Week of 4/28/24

Text: Nehemiah 3-4

Icebreaker: When have you faced opposition? What kind of response do you typically have when you feel opposed by others?

- **1.** Read Nehemiah 3-4. What stands out to you from the sermon or from the chapters?
- **2.** It's hard to <u>not</u> get lost in the names of chapter 3! At a high level, what do you notice in these verses? What's repeated or what patterns do you see?

Application: When have you been part of an effort that required you to take on a specific task alongside others? Do you see this happening in the church...either at Calvary or in other churches you've been a part of? Explain.

3. The statement is repeated in chapter 3 that a particular person made repairs "opposite his own house," meaning that people took responsibility for repairs near where they lived. Why would this make good sense for rebuilding effort?

Application: What potential advantages could come from Jesus followers seeking to minister to the needs of those "opposite their own houses"?

4. Chapter 4 details the opposition and challenges the builders faced. How would you characterize or summarize the difficulties they encounter?

Application: What kind of obstacles do we encounter in our own day as we seek to participate in God's purposes?

5. Application: Nehemiah takes action in chapter 4 to keep the work going even through difficulty. What does he say and what does he do that we can learn from?