

Restoring The Gate: A Journey of Renewal Through Nehemiah

(Nehemiah 7)

“Appointing God’s Team”

October 19, 2025

I. Rebuilding Requires _____ (vv. 1-3)

“When the wall had been rebuilt and I had the doors installed, the gatekeepers, singers, and Levites were appointed.” (Nehemiah 7:1, CSB)

Principle: The success of God’s mission depends on the cooperation of His people.

II. Rebuilding Requires _____ (v. 2)

“Then I put my brother Hanani in charge of Jerusalem, along with Hananiah, commander of the fortress, because he was a faithful man who feared God more than most.” (Nehemiah 7:2, CSB)

Principle God doesn’t need perfection — He needs consistency.

III. Rebuilding Requires _____ (vv. 4-65)

“These are the people of the province who went up among the captive exiles deported by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. Each of them returned to Jerusalem and Judah, to his own town.” (Nehemiah 7:6, CSB)

“These searched for their entries in the genealogical records, but they could not be found, so they were disqualified from the priesthood.” (Nehemiah 7:64, CSB)

Principle: You can’t rebuild if you’re not present.

IV. Rebuilding Requires _____ (vv. 66-73)

“Some of the family heads contributed to the project. The governor gave 1,000 gold coins, 50 bowls, and 530 priestly garments to the treasury. Some of the family heads gave 20,000 gold coins and 2,200 silver minas to the treasury for the project. The rest of the people gave 20,000 gold coins, 2,000 silver minas, and 67 priestly garments.” (Nehemiah 7:70-72, CSB)

Principle: God’s work advances when His people give sacrificially — time, talent, and treasure.

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Small Group Discussion – Week 7

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1. Rebuilding Requires Teamwork (vv. 1–3)

- Why do you think Nehemiah’s first move after finishing the wall was to *appoint a team*?
 - In what ways does teamwork strengthen the church?
 - What are some barriers that keep people from serving together — and how can we overcome them at *The Gate*?
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2. Rebuilding Requires Faithfulness (v. 2)

- Nehemiah appointed leaders who were “faithful and feared God.” What does faithfulness look like in your life?
 - Who are some “faithful gatekeepers” you’ve seen in this church or in your spiritual journey?
 - How can *you* personally become more faithful in the role God’s given you?
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3. Rebuilding Requires Attendance (vv. 4–65)

- Why was it important for Nehemiah to record who returned to the city?
 - What does your regular presence and participation mean to the health of *The Gate*?
 - How can we encourage one another to “show up” — not just physically, but spiritually and relationally?
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4. Rebuilding Requires Sacrifice (vv. 66–73)

- The people gave generously to sustain God’s work. What might sacrificial giving look like today — in time, energy, or resources?
 - How does serving or giving draw you closer to God?
 - What is one way you can invest in what God is restoring at *The Gate* this month?
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5. Bringing It Home

- What is one specific “post” or area of service you feel called to stand in at *The Gate*?
 - How can this small group help you take that next step of commitment or service?
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Your voice matters. We’d love to hear what God is showing you through these questions. Please share your thoughts by emailing us at info@thegateoc.com — your insights will help shape the renewal and restoration of The Gate.