

Restoring The Gate: A Journey of Renewal Through Nehemiah

(Nehemiah 12)

“Dedicate the Wall: Living a Life Set Apart for God”

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Theme: When God restores what was broken, our response is to dedicate it — and ourselves — fully back to Him.

I. _____ What God Has Done (vv. 27-31)

“At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, they sent for the Levites wherever they lived and brought them to Jerusalem to celebrate the joyous dedication with thanksgiving and singing accompanied by cymbals, harps, and lyres.”
(Nehemiah 12:27, CSB)

Application: Don’t rush past what God has rebuilt in your life — celebrate it!

II. _____ What God Has Restored (v. 30)

“After the priests and Levites had purified themselves, they purified the people, the city gates, and the wall.” (Nehemiah 12:30, CSB)

Application: Restoration isn’t complete until it’s *holy* — set apart for God’s purpose.

III. _____ in What God is Doing (vv. 31-43)

“I had the leaders of Judah go up on top of the wall. I also assigned two large choirs to give thanks.” (Nehemiah 12:31, NIV)

Application: Dedication isn’t a spectator event; it’s a participation call.

IV. _____ What Belongs to God (vv. 44-47)

“At that time men were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms for the contributions, firstfruits and tithes.” (Nehemiah 12:44, NIV)

Application: True worship expresses itself through open hands and open hearts.

V. _____ with a Joy That Overflows (v. 43)

“And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.” (Nehemiah 12:43, NIV)

Application: A restored church overflows with visible, contagious joy that draws others in.

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Small Group Discussion Questions – Week 12

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Text: Nehemiah 12:27–47

Theme: When God restores what was broken, our response is to dedicate it — and ourselves — fully back to Him.

1. Celebrate What God Has Done (vv. 27–31)

“They celebrated joyfully with songs of thanksgiving.”

- Why is it sometimes hard to stop and celebrate what God has done?
 - What’s one area in your life where you’ve seen God’s hand of restoration this season?
 - How can celebration become a regular part of your faith life — personally or in our church community?
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2. Purify What God Has Restored (v. 30)

“They purified themselves and the people and the gates and the wall.”

- What does “purifying” look like for us today — spiritually, emotionally, or relationally?
 - Are there any “old ways” or attitudes that God is asking you to let go of so He can use you more fully?
 - How can we as a church keep our hearts pure and focused on God’s purpose as He continues to rebuild The Gate?
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3. Participate in What God Is Doing (vv. 31–43)

“I also assigned two large choirs to give thanks.”

- What role did everyone play in dedicating the wall? What does that teach us about teamwork in God’s Kingdom?
 - Where do you sense God calling you to “get on the wall” and serve?
 - What might be holding you back from stepping more fully into that place?
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4. Give Back What Belongs to God (vv. 44–47)

“Men were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms for the contributions...”

- How is generosity part of dedicating ourselves to God?
 - What’s one area of your life where God may be inviting you to give more — time, attention, finances, encouragement, or service?
 - How would *The Gate* look different if everyone practiced joyful generosity?
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5. Live with Joy That Overflows (v. 43)

“The joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.”

- What does it mean for your joy to be “heard far away”?
 - How can joy itself be a form of witness in our church and community?
 - What helps you hold onto joy even when rebuilding feels hard?
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6. Bringing It Home

- What part of your life do you sense God asking you to dedicate or re-dedicate to Him this week?
- What would it look like for The Gate to be known as a *joyful* church — a place where renewal is both *seen* and *heard*?

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.