

MADE FOR THIS

Sermon Based Questions

"Made for This Part 5 - All Hands on Deck" – Nathan Blais

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Share

1. What's a time you were part of a group effort that actually felt meaningful (team, club, family, church, job, project)? What made it work?
2. When you hear "all hands on deck," do you feel more motivated or more stressed? Why?
3. What's one kind of "behind-the-scenes" work you respect more now than you used to?

Discuss

4. Read Nehemiah 3:1. Discuss what stands out about the high priest being named first, and how that supports the sermon's point: "leaders go first."
5. Read Matthew 20:26–28. Then discuss how Jesus' definition of greatness (servanthood) matches the rebuilding story in Nehemiah 3.
6. Read Nehemiah 3:5. Discuss what you can learn from the Tekoites - showing up even when their nobles wouldn't. What does that say about influence without authority?
7. The sermon highlighted people like goldsmiths and perfumers working on the wall (Nehemiah 3:8). What does that teach us about the importance of contributing inside and outside of our area of gifting or expertise?

Reflect

8. Where do you most want to "be in charge" before you'll fully engage—at home, school, church, work, or relationships? What might it look like to "lead up" instead?
9. The sermon emphasized working "opposite his house" (Nehemiah 3:28–30)—in an area of personal significance. What form of service or impact hits closest to home for you?
10. Are you more likely to do the bare minimum, or to go "above and beyond" like the Tekoites (Nehemiah 3:27)? What would it take to move from a bare minimum mindset?

Apply

11. Pick one "wall-building" action you can take this week: a concrete way to serve or strengthen your church/community/family. What exactly will you do, and when will you do it?
12. What's one area you could serve that actually fits your interest / strengths? Identify one next step that moves you from "I should" to "I'm doing it."