New Life Fellowship Church
Loving God. Loving People. Making Disciples.

**Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline**
Pastor Philip Thomas, November 1, 2026
Nehemiah 3:1-32 – Behold the Builders!

In Nehemiah 3, the Lord wanted us to know the names of the priests, Levites, temple servants, family members, nobles, rulers, guards, goldsmiths, perfumers, and merchants who did the work that he had called them to do, to make it very clear to us that people just like us, from every walk of life, in every age group, in every socio-economic group, and from every kind of personal, family, and vocational background, can be unified in the Spirit to work together for a shared mission and godly purpose.

When the Lord calls us to build…

- It's not who we are but who he is that matters
- Everyone has a part to play
- We build where we are settled
- We build according to a plan
- There may be some who don't participate

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by taking action according to the Lord's will and favor.

Speaking the truth in love, may you grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. As we have opportunity, may you do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Ephesians 4:15-16, Galatians 6:10)

**Discussion Questions:**

- Why did the Lord want us to know the names and vocations of the people who helped rebuild the walls and gates?
- What qualifications and preparedness does the Lord require of those he calls to do his work? What does that teach us about God and ourselves?
- How does Nehemiah 3 make it clear that everyone who belongs to the Lord has a part to play in the call and labor of the Lord?
- What does it mean to build where we are settled or planted? How does building our assigned section benefit everyone else?
- Why is it important to build according to a plan and with supervision?
- Why would people hesitate or refuse to participate in the work of the Lord? How should those who are engaged in the work respond?
- How can you act in line with the Lord's plan to build the church and advance the kingdom of God?