

# LG | Guide

## [Nehemiah 3]

### WARM-UP (10 mins)

**Prepare our minds to receive God's word.**

- How was everyone's week? [Does everyone know each other? Any introductions needed?]
- Anything new in your lives'? Are there any burdens we need to pray for or victories we can celebrate together?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

### ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

**Open your Bibles to the primary text. If you do not have a Bible, your leader can provide one.**

1. Read our primary text. Who can summarize what has happened in the opening chapters of Nehemiah to get us to chapter 3? What are the key events?
2. Upon first reflection, chapter 3 seems like a list of names of people who built a wall, but we can learn some things from this text. Looking at a map of Jerusalem during Nehemiah's time, what are your observations?
3. After reading chapter 3, how would you describe the effort of the rebuilding of the wall? Organized or aimless? Did Nehemiah have "buy in" from the people? What occupations were represented amongst the people?
4. In the opening verses, we see that Eliashib built the sheep gate and consecrated it. Why do you think this gate was consecrated apart from the others? Why Eliashib?
5. Did the wall have to be built from the ground up? How does this text help us gain a better picture of the condition of the wall?
6. As the city walls were being rebuilt and restored, what was the status of the rest of the city? In what order was the city rebuilt and who was responsible for each phase? What period of Jerusalem's history is this referred to?
7. Why is a discussion Nehemiah and a wall important for us today?

### PRAY

**Use this time to pray specifically. What does tonight's conversation lead you to pray for? What burdens have been presented in conversation?**