FOCUS ▶ LIVING FORWARD

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Visioneering and Volunteering

Nehemiah 3:1-32

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¹⁷Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision." ¹⁸And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work. —Nehemiah 2:17-18

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. —Proverbs 29:18 KJV

"Vision is a picture of the future that produces power in the present."

¹Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel. ²And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built. ³The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. ⁴And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, son of Meshezabel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired. ⁵And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord. —Nehemiah 3:1-5

1. God's Work Begins with _____

Worship • Connect • Serve • Disciple

"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever."
—John Piper

Fish Gate (3:3) · Sheep Gate (3:1) · Inspection Gate (3:31) · Old Gate (3:6) · East Gate (3:29) · Temple · Horse Gate (3:28) · Valley Gate (3:13) · Water Gate (3:26) · Fountain Gate (3:15) · Dung Gate (3:13)

2. God's Work Connects People with a _____

Labor 80% ⇄ 20% Support

3. God's Work Focuses on Future _____

100:10 Ministry Residency

*Oh may all who come behind us
find us faithful,
May the fire of our devotion
light their way.
May the footprints that we leave
lead them to believe,
and the lives we live
inspire them to obey.*
—Jon Mohr

**4. God's Work Reveals _____
Within Us**

"A great many people have got a false idea about the church. They have an idea that the church is a place to rest in… to get into a nicely cushioned pew, and contribute to the charities, listen to the Minister, and to do their share to keep the church out of bankruptcy, is all they want. The idea of work for them—actual work in the church—never enters their minds." —D.L. Moody

[11]Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. [12]The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. [13]Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. [14]But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. —Romans 13:11-14

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. —Philippians 2:4

"Because of what Christ has done in His work on the cross, in reality, all of the Christian life is a just a P.S. saying, 'Thank you' to God for what He has done for me." —President of Princeton Universty

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