

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Nehemiah 3 – Collective Responsibility

1) When recently have you enjoyed working as part of a team? What primarily made it enjoyable for you?

2) Read Nehemiah 3 v1-32

a) What do you think was the main point that Rich made in his message?

b) In what ways might you need to respond to this message?

3) Read 1 Corinthians 12 v12-27

a) i) How does this passage say the church is like a body?

ii) Why does v2 describe the church as 'the body of Christ'?

iii) How do you think someone becomes part of the 'body of Christ'?

b) i) What do you think is the main thing this passage is teaching us about being part of the church?

ii) What does this passage tell us about different roles within the church?

iii) What wrong attitudes could we develop if we don't really understand this?

c) On Sunday Rich said 'we are all responsible for building the church'.

i) Do you agree with him? Why?

ii) How should **1 Corinthians 12 v12-27** affect your answer to that question?

d) On Sunday Rich spoke about serving in 'formal' and 'informal' roles within your church.

i) In what 'formal' ways do you currently serve?

ii) In what 'informal' ways do you currently serve?

e) In what ways do you think you personally could contribute to building your local church?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Romans 16 v1-24**

a) Why do you think Paul greets so many people at the end of this letter?

b) How dependent do you think Paul was on other people helping him in his mission? Why?

c) What can we learn from this passage about working together for God?

d) How is Timothy described in v24? In what ways did Timothy work with Paul?

e) In what ways does it say it was costly for these people to work with God and Paul?

f) What do you think v16 means for Christians today?

g) Which of these people are recorded elsewhere in the bible? In what roles?

h) Which names might be a surprise to some of the original recipients? Why? What can we learn from this?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

There is a **Gift Day** on **Sunday 30th March**. Begin to think and pray about what God is calling you to give.

The **Eldership Sunday** service is on the **16th March at 3pm**. Pray for Al and Jeff as they become part of the growing Eldership team.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

The **Quiz Night** is coming up on **Saturday 22nd March**. Tickets will be on sale soon!