

“TEAMWORK”

Principle 3: They Divided Up the Work (Nehm. 3)

- They were given specific assignments and responsibilities
- They worked next to each other (no gaps, no isolation)
- They worked in areas where they had a vested interest in that section to complete the mission.

A. Grace, Works and Discipleship

- 1) First we need to remember we are not saved by works, but by grace Eph. 2:1-9
- 2) But, God has prepared work for us to do! Eph. 2:10 “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Eph. 2:10
- 3) And our work should bring glory to God. Mat. 5:16 “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”
- 4) They should help people see Jesus in us. 2 Cor. 3:18 “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” This is our discipleship mission.

B. Ephesians 4:11-16 Describes This Process:

- 1) Leaders equip members for works of service that will help us mature into the fullness of Christ (4:11-13)
- 2) Members support one another in the work of the Lord (4:14-16)
- 3) The Body of Christ grows and is built up in love as each part does its work (4:16)

Discussion Questions:

1. How does ministry involvement fit into “discipleship” (becoming like Jesus)?
2. Do we see church leadership as decision making or disciple making?
3. Is the work of the church (the Body of Christ) more maintenance, management, or membership?