

**October 19, 2003**

**Who are you?** If your group has not submitted a roster, please do so right away! We are three weeks into the study and have received rosters from less than half of our groups.

**What is God in your life through this study?** Email us at [40Days@therocksandiego.org](mailto:40Days@therocksandiego.org)

**Title: Rise Up and Build Part 6, Oh No! to Ono, Nehemiah Chapter 6**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.* Romans 12:5

### **SERMON REFLECTIONS - Nehemiah 6**

1. In the book of Nehemiah, the wall protected the people of Jerusalem from the enemy, it defined who they were as a people and a community.
  - a. What do you have in your life that protects your from the enemy? What are you doing to strengthen your "wall"?
  - b. Consider the company you keep, the activities you participate in, and your overall lifestyle. How are you defined as a person? (Are you defined as a team player, a follower, leader, a partier, a Christian?)
  - c. How is community represented in your life? What community are you part of?

### **Purpose Driven Life** – Week Two: Purpose #1: You Were Planned for God's Pleasure

1. When you were growing up, what was your picture of God? The Bible says God created you so He could love you, enjoy you, and adopt you into His family. How does that make you feel and is it consistent with your view of God?
2. Read Psalm 16:8-9 and Psalm 139:1-5. What are some practical ways this week that you can allow God to be your best friend?
3. In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus said the two greatest commands are to love God and love our neighbor. How does living a life of worship (loving God) help you love the people around you?
4. Review Romans 12:1-2. What do you think it means to offer your body as a living sacrifice? What would your life look like if you truly lived this way? What area(s) in your life do you need to surrender and trust God? What does this mean for you and np3?
5. Knowing you were created for God's pleasure, what common task can you start doing as unto the Lord?

### **Prayer Time**

Thank God that He made you for His pleasure. Thank God that He has given you a good, enjoyable life custom-made for you. Ask God to show you the areas you need to surrender to Him. Pray for one another, that everyone would live a life totally dedicated to God.

## **Results** **October 20-24**

**Scripture Reflection:** Read Nehemiah 6:15-19

*"When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized that this work had been done with the help of our God."* Nehemiah 6:16

"The most holy practice, the nearest to daily life, and the most essential for the spiritual life, is the practice of the presence of God, that is to find joy in his divine company and to make it a habit of life, speaking humbly and conversing lovingly with him at all times, every moment, without rule or restriction, above all at times of temptation, distress, dryness, and revulsion, and even of faithlessness and sin." Brother Lawrence

**Sacrifice:** In addition to reading *The Purpose Driven Life*, take fifteen minutes every day to pray over this list.

**God, the immortal, loving, and Holy One, we pray...**

- That everyone's involvement in the np3 40 days of Prayer and Purpose, will inspire a stronger commitment from each person to move from a self-focused life to a God-focused life.
- For lasting, eternal fruit in transformed lives.
- That the Holy Spirit will confirm (in each believer) His power and ability to transform us from within.
- That a deeper desire to worship and magnify Him will arise in our church.
- That each person's life will be enriched through a small group experience.
- That the Holy Spirit will encourage many to become committed to our church family, tithe and their relationship with God.
- That every person involved will be refreshed, renewed, and revitalized in the ministry to which He has called us.
- That our congregation will discover and use their spiritual gifts and abilities for His eternal purposes.