


## All Things New: Beauty Restored

Nehemiah 3:1-12; 4:1,3,6-8,14,20

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### Step 1: Frequently Asked Questions

Turn to pages 20-21 of your *All Things New* booklet. Read the “Frequently Asked Questions” out loud and discuss them one at a time. Turn to page 23 and review the “Commitment Card” found there. Is there anything you do not understand about how to fill it out?

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

### Step 2: The Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1 Ray said, “church matters”. Do you think church matters? Why or why not?
- 2 What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

#### BEAUTY RESTORED: THE LIST

- 3 Why were all the people who worked on the Jerusalem wall listed in Nehemiah chapter 3?
- 4 How does it make you feel when you hear about past members who helped build Seven Rivers Church into what it is today?

## BEAUTY RESTORED: THE TEAM

- 5 What lessons about teamwork can be learned from the rebuilding of the wall?
- 6 Ray said, “Together we can be something we cannot be individually.” Do you like you are on the Seven Rivers team? Are you on the wall? Do you ever feel like the only one?

## BEAUTY RESTORED: THE SACRIFICE

- 7 What examples of sacrifice can you list from Nehemiah chapters 3 and 4?
- 8 What did Ray mean when he said, “It’s not about equal gifts, it’s about equal sacrifice”?
- 9 We serve and sacrifice not to *get* the favor of God, but because we *have* the favor of God. How did Nehemiah’s decision to start the rebuilding of the wall at the Sheep Gate ultimately point forward to the Big Sacrifice of God?

## **Step 3: Final Reflections**

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?