

GODLY LEADERSHIP NEHEMIAH 7

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

**Questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Nehemiah 6** has helped you?

SECTION I: READ NEHEMIAH 7:1-3

2. Who was "put in charge" of Jerusalem?
3. What do you think "put in charge" entailed?
4. a) According to **V2**, what were his qualifications?

b) Contrast this to the leadership qualifications for which man typically looks.
5. How do you think these particular qualifications would be seen as he served?
6. In what spheres of influence has God put you in charge?
7. Knowing that we all desire to grow in the Godly leadership characteristics discussed in **V2**.
 - a) For what will you specifically pray?

b) What practical measures will you take to further that growth?

8. Why do you think Nehemiah commands the shortened gate schedule in **V3**?

SECTION II: READ NEHEMIAH 7:4-65

9. Describe the situation in **V4** and why would this be a problem?

10. According to **V5**, whose idea was it to assemble the people for registration?

11. From **V6-63** hunt for familiar names or places. Write them down and include a short phrase about what you remember for each one.

12. Give possible reasons that God would record this meticulous list of exiles that returned.

13. If you were keeping a record of your own journey of faith, who would you include in your spiritual lineage and why?

14. a) Summarize what was happening in **V61-65**.

b) Why would this would be a dilemma, especially as it relates to the priesthood?

SECTION III: READ NEHEMIAH 7:66-73a

15. Family names were carefully recorded in the previous section of Scripture, yet why do you think none are mentioned by name in this section?

16. In light of the Israelite's giving in **V70-72**, what are the contributions of others that allow you to continue in God's work? (God's work may be career, family, ministry etc.)

17. How has God called you to contribute to His work?

18. Look up the following verses to discover God's thoughts on giving.

Matthew 6:3-4 _____

1 Corinthians 9:11-12 _____

2 Corinthians 8:1-7 _____

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 _____

2 Corinthians 9:11-15 _____

19. With this week's lesson in mind, form a prayer request to share with your table.

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1. a) The reason Nehemiah gave for doing the work he had been doing was "God put it in my heart to do" (see 2:12 and 7:5). In the following verses, be encouraged by the variety of people and tasks God put in their hearts to do:

1 Kings 10:23-24 _____

Ezra 7:27 (see ch.7 for context) _____

2 Corinthians 8:16 _____

Revelation 17:17 _____

b) After looking up those verses, in what current situation will you receive comfort knowing God has the power to move in any person's heart (believer or not) to accomplish His purposes?

