

GODLY LEADERSHIP NEHEMIAH

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 10** has helped you?

SECTION I: READ NEHEMIAH 11:1-36

2. In **V1-2**, how did the Israelites address the problem first revealed in Nehemiah 7:4?
3. a) In **V4-19**, name the five groups that made up the new residents of Jerusalem (Note: Count all three groups of priests as just one group called "priests").

b) Mention any interesting details you found in those 5 groups.
4. Why do you think such an in depth genealogy was kept?
5. Summarize what **V25-35** describe.
6. In Nehemiah 11, God recorded the exiles' genealogies and their geographical placement in great detail. Take a moment to reflect & comment on your own God-ordained family line and geographical placement in the Bay Area.

SECTION II: READ NEHEMIAH 12:1-26

7. What two groups of Israelites have center stage in **V1-24**?

8. a) In **V1-26**, how many times do you see the words “leader” or “head”?

- b) What do you think was the significance of that?

- c) Describe a few of the Godly leaders in your life and their impact on you.

SECTION III: READ NEHEMIAH 12:27-47

9. According to **V27**, why were the Levites brought to Jerusalem?

10. There was an overriding atmosphere of worship going on in **V27-43**.
 - a) List the words related to music, instruments and overall mood (with verses).

 - b) What does this repetition teach you about how God values worship?

11. a) What was the necessary prerequisite for such a worship filled celebration in **V30**?

- b) Put in your own words what “purification” implies for a follower of Christ.

12. a) What did the exiles do in response to their God-given great joy in **V43**?

- b) Describe a time when you experienced that kind of great joy.

13. a) From the following verses what traditions were revived from David's time?

V45 _____

V46 _____

V47 _____

b) What God honoring tradition is He nudging you to revive?

c) In what traditions do you experience similar results as those in V43?

14. The exiles' finished work of rebuilding the Jerusalem walls led to such an atmosphere of worship and celebration. For what finished work are you moved to worship and celebration?

15. Write a prayer based on your study of Nehemiah 11 & 12.

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1. a) Compare and comment on what Tobiah said about the wall in Nehemiah 4:3 to what actually occurred in Nehemiah 12:31 and 38.

b) What was Nehemiah and the exiles' response to Tobiah's mocking in Nehemiah 4:4-6?

c) How does their response encourage you in the work He has given you to do?

2. Nehemiah 11 recorded an extensive list of the exiles who were residents of the city of Jerusalem.

a) Of what city does God invite us to become a citizen?

Revelation 21:1-2 _____

Philippians 3:20 _____

b) How does one become a citizen of the heavenly city that Jesus has gone to prepare? (John 14:2-6)

