



Living IN Rhythm

COMMITTING PRAYING LOVING

WEEK 3: RESETTLING ITS POPULATION

NEHEMIAH 11-13

READ: NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 11

- WHY DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE WERE SO RELUCTANT TO SETTLE IN JERUSALEM?
- WHY DID NEHEMIAH AND THE OTHER LEADERS DEEM IT NECESSARY TO RE-POPULATE AND REVIVE THE “HOLY CITY”?
- DURING OUR STUDY OF NEHEMIAH, WHAT LOCAL MINISTRY OR OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT THAT YOU DIDN'T PREVIOUSLY KNOW ABOUT OR TAKE PART IN? WHAT MIGHT IT LOOK LIKE IF 1/10TH OF THE PURPOSE CHURCH CONGREGATION INVESTED IN THAT MINISTRY?

READ: NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 12

- HOW DID THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE THE DEDICATION OF THE WALL OF JERUSALEM? WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROCESSIONS THROUGH THE CITY?
- WHAT STEPS OF APPRECIATION DID THE PEOPLE TAKE TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO SERVE AT THE TEMPLE - PRIESTS, LEVITES, SINGERS, AND GATEKEEPERS - ARE CARED FOR (VV. 44-47)?
- WHAT STEPS ARE YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH TAKING TO CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING THE LORD AS “PRIESTS, LEVITES, SINGERS, AND GATEKEEPERS”?
- HOW ARE YOU, LIKE EZRA AND NEHEMIAH, FINDING, DEVELOPING, AND USING YOUR GIFTS TO BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM?

READ: NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 13

- WHY DO YOU THINK ELIASHIB DID THIS “EVIL THING” (V. 7)?
- NEHEMIAH FINDS THAT THE ISRAELITES STOP FOLLOWING GOD’S COMMANDS SOON AFTER HE LEFT JERUSALEM - BY NEGLECTING THE HOUSE OF GOD (VV. 9-13), DESECRATING THE SABBATH (VV. 15-22), AND MARRYING FOREIGNERS (VV. 23-28). WHAT DOES THEIR DISOBEDIENCE SIGNAL ABOUT THEIR CLOSENESS TO GOD?
- WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU LEARNED FROM NEHEMIAH? WHAT LIFE- CHANGING APPLICATION ARE YOU MAKING, AS A RESULT OF THIS STUDY?

THIS WEEK- PRAYER:

THE ISRAELITES WERE RELUCTANT TO RE-SETTLE IN JERUSALEM; IN FACT THEY “COMMENDED ALL THE MEN WHO VOLUNTEERED TO LIVE IN JERUSALEM” (11:2). DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS, YOU HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW A NEW AREA OR COMMUNITY IN OUR CITY - POMONA. AS WE ENTER THIS THIRD WEEK, REFLECT ON WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN, HEARD, AND LEARNED. ASK THE LORD TO PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR THIS THIRD WEEK, WHERE YOU WILL TAKE PART IN A SERVICE PROJECT IN THE POMONA LOCATION YOU HAVE CHOSEN.