

Sermon Discussion Questions

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Topic: Nehemiah

Scriptures – Nehemiah 10:28-13:27

- Briefly summarize the main points of the sermon.
- What questions do you still have from today's sermon?
- Read Vv. 10: 28-39
 - What does it mean to “enter into a curse and an oath” (v. 29)? How does this reflect the seriousness of their commitment?
 - Why did the Israelites vow not to intermarry with other nations?
 - Why was honoring the Sabbath so important to Israel?
 - The people pledged to support the temple service and sacrifices (10:32-33). What does this reveal about their priorities?
 - Nehemiah 10:39 ends with, “We will not neglect the house of our God.” How can we apply this commitment to our church and personal faith?
- Read 2 Corinthians 6:14 & Joshua 24:15
 - How can believers today practice godly separation while still engaging with the world?
 - How can we, in our world today, show true commitment to follow God and make him the central pillar of our life?
- Read Vv. 12:43-47
 - Verse 43 emphasizes that “the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.” What does this tell us about the power of joyful worship?
 - Verse 47 highlights that all of Israel provided for the singers and gatekeepers. How does this reflect the principle of giving to support ministry?
- Read Vv. 13:1-31
 - How did Eliashib the priest compromise his position? How did Nehemiah respond when he found out about Eliashib's actions (Nehemiah 13:4-9)?
 - Why was Nehemiah so strict about keeping the Sabbath (Nehemiah 13:15-22)? How does this reflect Israel's previous failures?
 - What does Nehemiah's confrontation of leaders and the people reveal about spiritual accountability? How do we practice that today?
 - The Israelites repeatedly struggled with obedience to God's commands. What does this tell us about human nature and the need for God's grace?
 - Nehemiah was passionate about holiness and obedience. In what ways do you think the church today needs a similar passion for righteousness?

