



Week 6 | Nehemiah | August 11

Key Focus: “You will never receive the change you need until you orient your life around obedience to the word of God.”

Opening Up:

- If a place feels like home, why does it feel that way?
- What does a church feel like when it feels like home?
- What about your home relaxes you?
- What about your home stresses you out?

Reference: Nehemiah 10

Discuss:

1. In Nehemiah 9:38, the people make an official commitment to obey God’s word in community. Why is it important to know that Christianity is more than just forgiveness of sins, but it is also a pledge of allegiance? What would be different in the church if people viewed their primary citizenship as in Heaven with the church (Phil 3:20)?
2. In Matthew 28:18-20 baptism is like a pledge of allegiance and obedience to God. When we become a Christian we confess the Lordship of Christ (Romans 10:13). How is a Christian supposed to live in obedience to Jesus as Lord?
3. Jesus says that he is “the way.” If someone asked you, “what is the Jesus way of life?” What would you say?
4. There are three parts of the covenant in this chapter and they refer to marriage, time, and giving. The issue of marriage is brought up in Nehemiah 10:30. Why is a marriage foundational to home life, community life, and the whole of society?
5. Man and woman were created in the image of God. When a husband and wife become one they are showing off something of God’s nature and his love within in the trinity. At it’s best what can a marriage teach us about God? (Genesis 1:27; 2:24)
6. God also sees marriage as an example of his love for his people. What should we be learning about God when we see a husband loving his wife? (Jeremiah 31:32; Ephesians 5:25)
7. In Deuteronomy 6:6-7 we see the the home is a place where decisions and actions throughout the day should be able to be directly connected to obedience to God. Kids are to learn the most fundamental truths about God at home. If we were discipling our kids well, what would we be doing?
8. If you are single, what are the consequences of settling for someone who is not a strong believer? (2 Corinthians 6:14)
9. “Most marriage problems could be solved by reading the bible, repenting of sin, offering forgiveness, and praying together.” How might this be true? What makes this hard?
10. In Nehemiah 10:31 they also commit to keep the Sabbath (day of rest) and Sabbatical year (year to rest land). In what ways can resting be better for you than being productive?
11. Do you believe that God can do more with your 40 hours in a week than you can do with your 60?
12. How could resting be a gift to your family and church?
13. In Nehemiah 10:39 they did not want to be guilty of “neglecting the house of God.” Have you ever been guilty of neglect the people of God? How does this happen? How do we avoid neglecting God’s people?