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Nehemiah Series – “Building to Transform.”
Message: “Nehemiah’s Final Reforms” – Nehemiah 13

Life Notes

“We promise to take our spiritual responsibilities seriously.”

Romans 15:15; 2 Peter 3:1-3; 1Cor 10:11-13 – We all need reminders because it is so easy to be deceived and drift away from spiritual priorities.

Key Spiritual Priorities from Nehemiah 10, 11, 12.

- Promise to Obey the Lord. (Nehemiah 10:29)
- Preserve a Godly Family. (Nehemiah 10:30)
- Practice Sabbath Rest. (Nehemiah 10:31)
- Promote the Ministry of the House of God. (Nehemiah 10:32-39) TGIF
- Personal Ministry Responsibility. (Nehemiah 11:1-2)
- Progressive Leadership Development.
- The Priority of Worship. Nehemiah 12

Nehemiah’s Final Reforms (Nehemiah 13).

“Seek the greater good of the Community of the Lord.”

- Protect the Community from their enemies (v. 1-3).
- Protect the Help and House of God from those who want position and power rather than service (v. 4-13)
- Practice the Rhythm of the Sabbath and keep it holy (v. 15-22).
- Produce a Godly Marriage and Family (v.23-29).
 - Pray

- Healthy Marriage - (Eph. 5:31-33; 2Cor. 6:14; 1Cor. 7:39)
- Priorities and Principles
- Face the issues and problems
- Protect and Communicate
- Promote and Bless Righteous Relationships.

What will you be remembered for by the Lord? Remember me with favour, O my God (v.14, 22, 31)

Life Group Questions

1. Have you ever gone away and then come back to find that your changes or work has gone backwards? How did this make you feel? Did you do anything about it?
2. Why is it so important for us to have reminders spiritually? Is there any area where you find yourself spiritually drifting more than other areas?
3. Why is it important in the community of believers to confront sin rather than enable sin? What happens when we allow the enabling of sin in a family or local church?
4. Nehemiah pays a price for taking stands for righteousness? What price does he pay? Who or What is his focus to keep him on track as a spiritual servant leader?
5. Why is seeking the best for the community a higher value for Nehemiah than his or someone else’s individual rights? How does this value make him a better leader?
6. Why does Nehemiah appeal to the Lord to remember his work and ministry for the people of God?

7. What would you want the Lord to remember about you and your service for the Lord's work?