

REVIEW

What stood out to you from this weekend's sermon? What challenged you? What prompted questions? Was there anything you wanted to study further?

DISCUSS

1. Imagine you are an Israelite during the time of Nehemiah. You have just spent almost two months building the walls of Jerusalem under constant fear of attack from your enemies. Nehemiah's rebuilding of the wall represents an enormous accomplishment.
 - a. When the Lord grants you great favor and success, how do you respond in your thoughts, words and actions? What temptation to sin do we face in those times?
2. **Read Nehemiah 7:1- 5:** God put it on Nehemiah's heart to Call the people back to Jerusalem. They put down the distractions of this world and responded to God's call to step back into the work of God.
 - a. Whenever God calls, there is an opportunity to respond. What are the distractions in your life that keep you from answering God's call on your life?
3. **Read Nehemiah 7:70-8:3:** The people of God responded in 3 ways:
 - a. (7:70-71) Through Sacrificial giving to the work of God
 - b. (8:1) As "One Man," Both men and women unified in all ways to carry out the work of God.
 - c. (8:1-3) With a ravenous desire for God's Word

Are any of these responses more difficult for you than others? What are other ways in which we can respond to God's Call?

4. **Nehemiah 8-9** describes a remarkable revival in the life of Israel. With the wall completed, Nehemiah leads the people to respond to God's Word as read by Ezra. As the people gather together to hear the Law read aloud, the Scripture tells us they all "could understand what was being read." And the Holy Spirit leads them to respond powerfully and repent as a community.
 - a. What happens when the people truly understand God's Word? (8:9-11) Why do they respond in this way? Do you respond this way?
 - b. Look up 2 Corinthians 7:10-11. Based on this passage, what evidence do you find in Nehemiah 8-9 that genuine repentance is occurring?

RESPOND

What is God calling you to at this time in your life?

How will you do things differently moving forward so that you can step "All In" to the work He is calling you to?

Think back through your own history with God. What key times can you point to as evidence of His goodness? In light of His past faithfulness, what present difficulty can you entrust to Him?

"...You are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake (us). ~ Nehemiah 9:17