



NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 10:28-39 & 12:27-47 (FACILITATOR)

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- Opening Prayer

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Nehemiah 10:28-31

- Notice that the Israelites weren't just separated from the people of the lands in verses 28 & 29 They were separated from the people of the lands TO the law of God and TO enter into an oath to walk in the law of God. Why is this important?

- As disciples of Jesus, it is sometimes easy to forget that we have been forgiven and saved for a purpose. We haven't just been rescued from something (hell, old patterns of life, slavery) but we have been forgiven and saved in order to LIVE a life that is devoted to and on mission for God. Living for Jesus isn't about what we can't do but about what we are privileged and honored to do for His honor and glory.
 - For you personally, what do you see that God has forgiven and saved you to do as His disciple?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

- Why does verse 29 characterize walking in God's law as both a curse and an oath?
 - The Israelites had an understanding of the magnitude and depth of their commitment to God. They didn't intend for their commitment to simply be lip service and their understood that not following God did have implications that would be destructive to them individually and collectively.
 - In what ways do you need to take your walk with Jesus more seriously?
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Nehemiah 10:32-39

- How would you characterize the giving of the Israelites in this passage and what should this teach us today.
 - The giving of the Israelites was sacrificial. It was generous and the giving wasn't an afterthought nor was it what they had "left

over” from God. They gave their absolute best and did this willingly. For us today, this teaches us that our giving to the Lord, whether it be monetary or otherwise should be sacrificial, generous, coming from our best, and with willing hearts.

- How would you currently describe your giving to the Lord in the following areas?
 - The best of your time
 - The best of your finances
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Nehemiah 12:27-47

□ What things stick out to you about the Israelites dedication and celebration of the rebuilt wall?

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□ Why do you think it was important for the Israelites to both dedicate and celebrate the wall that was rebuilt?

○ God had allowed the Israelites to overcome incredible obstacles to not only rebuild the wall but also to begin to rebuild their community while being reminded of who they were. The wall wasn't just a physical structure. It represented God's provisions, His power, and His purpose for His people. The Israelites dedicated the wall to reaffirm their commitment to God.

- In what ways do you daily dedicate yourself to the Lord?
How can you do this more fully?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

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