

The book of



chapter

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Day 1

1. Read the chapter at least twice. I find I glean more if I read along while listening to the Bible read aloud. Simply download the free and enjoy.



2. Let's focus for just a few minutes on Nehemiah 7:1-3. How are the Israelites doing in their reconstruction process?

What three things are specifically mentioned in verse 1?

- a.
- b.
- c.

3. With the laborious work of rebuilding accomplished, it is now time to put people in charge to see that the city runs smoothly. Who is mentioned in Nehemiah 7:2?

- a.
- b.

4. Do you remember one of these men from earlier in your study of Nehemiah? If not, look back at Nehemiah 1:2. What did you learn about this man from both verses?

5. Nehemiah gives these men instructions for the day-to-day operations of Jerusalem to keep the people safe and in line for God's blessings, when he returns to Susa. What instructions are they given?

- a. Morning
- b. Evening
- c. Guards



6. Nehemiah is a man gifted by God to organize and lead. Strategically speaking, why was it a good idea to post guards at their posts near their own homes?

How do people usually feel about their own home?

7. Nehemiah is preparing the people for his departure. After all his hard work, why is he not staying to enjoy the fruits of his labor? If you do not remember, read Nehemiah 2:6 again.

8. Nehemiah had given his word that this trip would not last forever. What does this say about Nehemiah?

9. Let's think about what it means to call oneself a Christian. Using this name implies we are following Christ. Read Romans 4:20-21, what did Abram know about the God he served?

Are you, like Abraham, fully persuaded that God has the power to do what he has promised?

Read Hebrews 1:3 and John 10:30; what is true of Christ?

What should our walk reflect?

10. Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Considering all God’s dealings with man, what do you believe about God’s character?

Is he who he says he is?

Has he ever failed to do what he has promised?

When we do not see the answer to our prayer, what are we to do?

“God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart.”— **Charles Spurgeon**

11. Read Galatians 5:22-23; this is a list of the “fruit of the Spirit.” We have said it before, fruit is simply the proof of what is truly inside. List the fruit of the Spirit.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.
- g.
- h.
- i.



12. If we are faithfully following Christ, these fruits will be evidenced in our words and actions. If they are not seen to some degree in our walk and our talk, can we honestly say we are following Christ?

13. If we are being led by the Spirit does that mean every day will be smooth sailing?

Read Matthew 4:1, where did the Spirit lead Jesus?

Day 2 14. In Nehemiah 7:2, we see the reputation of these men is one of great love and obedience for God. Ask three key people in your life to describe your character. Write down some of the words they used. This is not a competition, but it might be fun to share them in your small group.

15. It is our desire to be women of faith. That is why we are studying God's word. We want to know our God and live a life pleasing to Him. Look at Psalm 37, you will find it on the Biblical Reference pages. Begin by reading Psalm 37:1-8. Underline each exhortation given in these verses. Now take a minute to do a bit of personal evaluation. Specifically, which of the exhortations did you feel God's prompting?

16. Now let's look at Psalm 37:9-24, these verses offer a comparison, evildoers and the righteous. These verses give further detail to Psalm 37:1. Fill in the chart below.

	Evildoers	Righteous
Ps. 37: 9		
Ps. 37:10-11		
Ps. 37:12-13		
Ps. 37:14-15		
Ps. 37:16-17		
Ps. 37:18-20		
Ps. 37:21-22		
Ps. 37:23-24		

17. What is the observation made by the Psalmist in Psalm 37:25-26?

18. Psalm 37:27-40 continues comparing the wicked and the righteous. Briefly state any other truths you see in these verses.

19. What did you glean from your time studying Psalm 37?

How does this apply to your walk of faith?

Did you find comfort in Psalm 37?

20. Psalm 37 beautifully describes the character of the men Nehemiah mentioned in Nehemiah 7:2. Fill in the blanks, how might you describe these men using Psalms 37?

These men _____ in the LORD. (Psalm 37:3)

They _____ themselves to the LORD. (Psalm 37:5)

They knew how to _____ for him. (Psalm 37:7)

They were peaceful men who could lead others well. (Psalm 37:8)

21. Fill in the blanks from Nehemiah 7:2.

“I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of _____ and _____ God more than _____ do.”

What would need to be the desire of our heart if we were to be described this way?

Day 3

22. The walls and gates of this great city have been rebuilt. But only a relatively few people live in the city of Jerusalem. Why is that? Read Nehemiah 7:4.

23. Read Nehemiah 7:5, why did Nehemiah call for an assembly?

Who did Nehemiah call to this assembly?

What purpose might it serve to assemble the people at this time?

Could it be that this was an opportunity to honor those who came at the first invitation to return?

What was the shared objective and purpose of those who first returned?

24. Did you find these people inspiring?

25. I am reminded of the pioneers who settled this United States so many years ago. They left much to come to a place they had never seen. What similar sacrifices do you believe they made to return to the Promised Land?

26. From all you have seen so far in Ezra and Nehemiah, what do you believe compelled these exiles to return?

27. What would you say has been the over-arching message of the book of Nehemiah thus far?

28. Look back at Nehemiah 7:1. Nehemiah led the rebuilding of the walls and hanging of the gates, but that was not all. What else did Nehemiah do that would have been of great importance to reestablish worship?

29. Is worship music a part of your day?

30. How does worship music improve our walk of faith?

If you still have children or grandchildren that you are training, music can be a powerful tool. Teaching put to music can be easily remembered. When I was in the third grade my teacher gave us the assignment to memorize the states and their capitals. She sent us home for the weekend with a list. When we returned to class the following Monday, only one girl had memorized them successfully. (There is always one, and no it was not me.) She then gave the list to our music teacher who put them to a tune we recognized, we all quickly had them memorialized.

Think of certain character qualities you would like to see in your family and then find music that teaches these truths. Try playing this music at strategic times, such as in the car or while you are enjoying a meal together.

31. Since music is such a great teaching tool, how important is it to eliminate certain music that teaches things contrary to our beliefs?

32. When our children were young, we were introduced to a series produced by Focus on the Family. It was called Patch the Pirate. It was all about the adventures of a sailor named Patch the Pirate and his crew of young sailors. In each adventure there were great moral and spiritual lessons being taught through music. Do you know others you can share?

Day 4

33. Nehemiah 7:8-66 is a list of those who returned to Jerusalem. Accurate accounting was very important to the Israelites. What was the number of those who returned?

34. Nehemiah 7:66-73 is a summary list, fill in the blanks.

- a. Israelites _____
- b. Slaves _____
- c. Singers _____
- d. Horses _____
- e. Mules _____
- f. Camels _____
- g. Donkeys _____



35. Many of those who returned wanted to be a part of the work of rebuilding.

Look at Nehemiah 7:70-71, “Some of the heads of the families _____
to the work.” “Some of the heads of the families _____ to the _____
for the work.”

36. Nehemiah 7:72 tells us some gave _____ for the priests.

37. How does this serve as an example for us and the work of God today?

Read Romans 12:5, the church is compared to a body in this verse.
How does this verse help you understand the way the church is to operate?

38. Generosity is a key ingredient to the blessings of God.
Do you look for ways to participate in things of divine importance?

As I am writing this study guide, we are in the midst of build week at LifeChurch. Some have given of their time and talents to build props. Some have given financially so this could happen. Others have brought items they own to make this transformation possible. Everyone helped in their own way to bring about this wonderful evangelistic event.

We see more hands raised for people devoting their lives to Christ during “At The Movies” than Easter or Christmas.

Day 5

39. Over and over in this book we have seen character, faithfulness, reverence, and patience mattered to God. Do you believe this is still true today?

40. Are there ways you are leading others in true character?

41. Is your example one of consistent faithfulness?

42. In what ways are you leading in reverence?

This can be something as simple as remembering to pray, thanking God for our meal.

43. How are you at patiently waiting on God?

44. People matter to God, individually and corporately. God sees Israel as a nation and yet he sees them as individuals as well. Do you view people like this?

Are individuals of great importance?

45. How about our nation?

What are you doing to make this nation all God has in mind for her?

46. Nehemiah recognized the need to rebuild and restore. He was in tune with the voice of God. God had a plan and a purpose for this “cupbearer” that would take him far from the life he had come to know. Has God called you to step out in faith and fulfill a position of leadership?

Specifically, what area of leadership is God speaking to you about?

47. What have you learned about God in this chapter of Nehemiah?

Biblical References

Day 1

Question 4 - Nehemiah 1:2

Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.

Question 7 - Nehemiah 2:6

⁶ Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, “How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?” It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.

Question 9 - Romans 4:20-21

²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

Hebrews 1:3

³ The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

John 10:30

“I and the Father are one.”

Question 11 - Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.

Question 13 - Matthew 4:1

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Day 2

Questions 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 - Psalm 37

¹ Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; ² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. ³ Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: ⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. ⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. ⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. ¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. ¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity. ¹² The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them; ¹³ but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming. ¹⁴ The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright. ¹⁵ But their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken. ¹⁶ Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked; ¹⁷ for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous. ¹⁸ The blameless spend their days under the LORD’s care, and their inheritance

will endure forever. ¹⁹ In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine, they will enjoy plenty. ²⁰ But the wicked will perish: Though the LORD's enemies are like the flowers of the field, they will be consumed, they will go up in smoke. ²¹ The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously; ²² those the LORD blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be destroyed. ²³ The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; ²⁴ though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

²⁵ I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. ²⁶ They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing.

²⁷ Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever.

²⁸ For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. Wrongdoers will be completely destroyed; the offspring of the wicked will perish.

²⁹ The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever.

³⁰ The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just. ³¹ The law of their God is in their hearts; their feet do not slip.

³² The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, intent on putting them to death; ³³ but the LORD will not leave them in the power of the wicked or let them be condemned when brought to trial.

³⁴ Hope in the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are destroyed, you will see it.

³⁵ I have seen a wicked and ruthless man flourishing like a luxuriant native tree, ³⁶ but he soon passed away and was no more; though I looked for him, he could not be found.

³⁷ Consider the blameless, observe the upright; a future awaits those who seek peace.

³⁸ But all sinners will be destroyed; there will be no future for the wicked.

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. ⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.



Question 37 - Romans 12:5

“so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”