

**THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD**  
**Sermon Outline — Nehemiah 7 & 11**  
**Sermon Series: Nehemiah > Repair, Rebuild & Restore**  
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1. The church needs to be about \_\_\_\_\_ and not about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + *Nehemiah 7:1-2*, "After the wall was finished and I had set up the doors in the gates, the gatekeepers, singers, and Levites were appointed. <sup>2</sup>I gave the responsibility of governing Jerusalem to my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah, the commander of the fortress, for he was a faithful man who feared God more than most" (NLT).
  - + *Nehemiah 11:22-23*, "The chief officer of the Levites in Jerusalem was Uzzi son of Bani, son of Hashabiah, son of Mattaniah, son of Mica, a descendant of Asaph, whose family served as singers at God's Temple. <sup>23</sup>Their daily responsibilities were carried out according to the terms of a royal command" (NLT).
  - + *Psalms 137:1-2*, "Beside the rivers of Babylon, we sat and wept as we thought of Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>We put away our harps, hanging them on the branches of poplar trees" (NLT).
    - Music is not \_\_\_\_\_ to worship; it is \_\_\_\_\_ to worship.
2. The church needs to be about the \_\_\_\_\_ and not the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + *Nehemiah 11:19*, "... from the gatekeepers: Akkub, Talmon, and 172 of their associates, who guarded the gates" (NLT).
  - + *Proverbs 4:23*, "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life" (NLT).
    - The Hebrew word translated here as "guard" is [נָצַר, netzor]. It is the word used of a \_\_\_\_\_ on duty looking for any enemy attempting to ambush and attack.
  - + *Mark 7:20-23*, Jesus said, "It is what comes from inside that defiles you. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you" (NLT).
  - + *Proverbs 4:23*, "Be on guard, stay vigilant in protecting your thoughts and feelings from being influenced from outside enemies" (PAR).
  - + *Psalms 119:9, 11*, "How can a young person stay pure? By obeying Your Word . . . <sup>11</sup>I have hidden Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You" (NLT).
3. The church needs to have members whose friends motivate them to be more like \_\_\_\_\_ rather than more like the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + *Nehemiah 7:2*, "I gave my brother Hanani and Hananiah the governor of the castle charge over Jerusalem, for he was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many" (ESV).
    - "Faithful" is the Hebrew word [אֱמֶת, emet]. It means "reliable, a person of integrity." With the construction of the wall complete, the next task was to rebuild, restore and repair the people's moral and spiritual lives. Therefore, the leader to do this must be a model of godly integrity and reliability to God. Today, they must exemplify Christ in their lives.
    - "Fearing" is the Hebrew word [יָרֵא, yare]. "It means to have "reverence, respect and honor for someone."
4. The church needs to be about having members who are counted to be for \_\_\_\_\_, not for other \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + *Exodus 20:3*, "You shall have no other gods before Me" (NKJV).
  - + *Exodus 20:4*, "You shall have no kind of idol" (PAR).
  - + *Matthew 6:33a*, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness . . ." (ESV).
  - + *Matthew 22:37*, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind" (NLT).
5. The church needs members who can prove \_\_\_\_\_.
  - + *Nehemiah 7:61, 64*, "Another group returned at this time from the towns of Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Kerub, Addan, and Immer. However, they could not prove that they or their families were descendants

of Israel . . . <sup>64</sup>They searched for their names in the genealogical records, but they were not found, so they were disqualified from serving as priests” (NLT).

- + Revelation 21:2-3, “And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be His people. God Himself will be with them” (NLT).
- + Matthew 7:21-23a, Jesus said, “Not everyone who calls out to Me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of My Father in heaven will enter. <sup>22</sup>On judgment day many will say to Me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in Your name and cast out demons in Your name and performed many miracles in Your name.’ <sup>23</sup>But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from Me” (NLT).
- + Revelation 20:15, “Anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire” (NLT).
- + John 1:12-13, “But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (ESV).
- + John 3:6, “Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life” (NLT).
- + 1 Peter 2:9, “. . . for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for He called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light” (NLT).

6. The church needs to be a place where \_\_\_\_\_ members give in some way, not just \_\_\_\_\_.

- + Nehemiah 7:70-71, “Now some of the heads of fathers' houses gave to the work. . . . <sup>71</sup>And some of the heads of fathers' houses gave into the treasury of the work . . .” (ESV).
- + Matthew 20:26-28, Jesus said, “But among you it should be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your giving servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wants to be first among you must become your giving slave. <sup>28</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many” (TPT).
- + 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, “Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. <sup>7</sup>You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully” (NLT).

7. The church needs to be fully \_\_\_\_\_ rather than an exclusive country club.

- + Nehemiah 7:4, “Jerusalem was a large city, but not many people were living in it, and not many houses had been built yet” (GNT).

#### **Nehemiah Found Two Ways To Solve The Problem in Nehemiah 7:4**

- a. A \_\_\_\_\_ > Nehemiah 11:11, “Now the leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem. And the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem the holy city, while nine out of ten remained in the other towns” (ESV).
- b. He asked for \_\_\_\_\_ > Nehemiah 11:2, “The people commended everyone who volunteered to resettle in Jerusalem” (NLT).

8. The church needs to have members who are \_\_\_\_\_.

- + Nehemiah 11:17a, “Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, who was the leader in beginning the thanksgiving at prayer . . .” (NASB).
- + Hebrews 6:10, “For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown for His name in ministering to the needs of the saints (God’s people), as you do” (AMP).
  - “Ministering” is the Greek New Testament word [δῆλονεῖν; diakoneō]. This word literally means “one who waits on tables” — a server in a restaurant. We get our English word “\_\_\_\_\_” from it.
- + Philemon 7a, “Every time your name comes up in my prayers, I say, “Oh, thank you, God for Philemon!” I keep hearing of the love and faith you have for Jesus, which brims over to serve other believers, the church and even the lost” (PAR).