

Restoring The Gate: A Journey of Renewal Through Nehemiah

(Nehemiah 10)

“Signed, Sealed, Devoted”

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“In view of all this, we are making a binding agreement, putting it in writing, and our leaders, our Levites and our priests are affixing their seals to it.”
(Nehemiah 9:38, NIV)

I. Commit to Live by _____ (vv. 28-29)

“The rest of the people—the priests, Levites, gatekeepers, singers, and temple servants, along with their wives, sons, and daughters, everyone who is able to understand and who has separated themselves from the surrounding peoples to obey the law of God—join with their noble brothers and commit themselves with a sworn oath to follow the law of God given through God’s servant Moses and to obey carefully all the commands, ordinances, and statutes of the Lord our Lord.”
(Nehemiah 10:28–29, CSB)

Application: Real devotion means making God’s Word the final authority for your life.

II. Commit to Live with _____ (v. 30)

Application: Renewal requires reordering your relationships around God’s design.

III. Commit to Honor God with Your _____ (v. 31)

“When the surrounding peoples bring merchandise or any kind of grain to sell on the Sabbath day, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or a holy day. We will also leave the land uncultivated in the seventh year and will cancel every debt.”
(Nehemiah 10:31, CSB)

Application: Renewal means putting God first in your calendar.

IV. Commit to Support _____ (vv. 32-39)

“We will not neglect the house of our God.” (Nehemiah 10:39, CSB)

Application: Today is a moment to say together: *“We will not neglect the house of our God.”*

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Small Group Discussion – Signed, Sealed, Devoted

Icebreaker

- What's something important you've signed your name to (marriage license, house papers, job contract)? How did that commitment change your life?
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Digging into the Word

1. Read Nehemiah 10:28–29. Why was it important for the people to make their commitment public? How does public accountability strengthen our faith today?
 2. The people committed to holiness, Sabbath, giving, and worship (vv. 30–39). Which of these areas do you think is most challenging for believers today? Why?
 3. Verse 39 ends with the declaration: *“We will not neglect the house of our God.”* What did that mean for Israel, and what does it mean for the church now?
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Personal Application

4. If you had to “sign your name” to one area of renewed devotion this week (holiness, Sabbath, giving, worship), which would it be? Why?
 5. How can we as a group encourage one another to live out our commitments, not just talk about them?
 6. What might it look like for The Gate to become a church marked by covenant devotion instead of casual attendance?
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Prayer

- Pray for each group member to be “signed, sealed, and devoted” to the Lord in a fresh way.
 - Pray that The Gate will truly live out the declaration: *“We will not neglect the house of our God.”*
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Closing Covenant Declaration – Restoring the Gate

Leader: Today, like the people of Nehemiah's day, we renew our covenant with the Lord.

People: We will not neglect the house of our God.

Leader: We commit ourselves to walk in holiness, set apart for Jesus Christ.

People: We will not neglect the house of our God.

Leader: We commit to influencing our children, their children, and future generations to live by God's design.

People: We will not neglect the house of our God.

Leader: We commit ourselves to give generously, that God's work may flourish.

People: We will not neglect the house of our God.

Leader: We commit ourselves to worship in spirit and in truth, lifting high the name of Jesus.

People: We will not neglect the house of our God.

Leader: As The Gate, we declare together—

All: We are God's people, restored and renewed. We will not neglect the house of our God!

Your voice matters. We'd love to hear what God is showing you through these questions. Please share your thoughts by emailing us at info@thegateoc.com — your insights will help shape the renewal and restoration of The Gate.