

Restoring The Gate: A Journey of Renewal Through Nehemiah

(Nehemiah 11)

“Moving Into God’s Vision”

November 16, 2025

Theme: God doesn’t just rebuild walls — He restores people to fill them.
Renewal becomes reality when we step up, move in, and live out the vision.

I. Step Out of _____ and Into _____ (vv. 1-2)

“Now the leaders of the people stayed in Jerusalem, and the rest of the people cast lots for one out of ten to come and live in Jerusalem, the holy city, while the other nine-tenths remained in their towns. The people blessed all the men who volunteered to live in Jerusalem.” (Nehemiah 11:1–2, CSB)

Application: Move Into God’s Calling.

II. Do Your Part Where You _____, _____, and _____ (vv. 3-24)

“These are the heads of the province who stayed in Jerusalem (but in the villages of Judah each lived on his own property in their towns—the Israelites, priests, Levites, temple servants, and descendants of Solomon’s servants—while some of the descendants of Judah and Benjamin settled in Jerusalem...”
(Nehemiah 11:3–4, CSB)

Application: Move In God’s Spirit.

III. Stay _____ Where God Plants You (vv. 25-36)

“As for the farming settlements with their fields: Some of Judah’s descendants lived in Kiriath-arba and Dibon and their surrounding villages, and Jekabzeel and its settlements.” (Nehemiah 11:25, CSB)

Application: Move In God’s Timing.

IV. Live as If There’s _____

Application: Move With Urgency.

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Small Group Discussion Questions – Week 11: “Moving Into God’s Vision”

Theme:

What’s something important you’ve signed your name to (marriage license, house papers, job contract)? How did that commitment change your life?

1. Step Out of Comfort and Into Calling (vv. 1–2)

“The people blessed all the men who volunteered to live in Jerusalem.”

- What might it have cost those who chose to leave their towns and move into Jerusalem?
 - Where is God asking you to “step out of comfort” in your own faith journey?
 - What fears or obstacles make it difficult to fully step into God’s calling?
 - How can we encourage one another to respond willingly — not reluctantly — to God’s call?
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2. Do Your Part Where You Live, Work, and Play (vv. 3–24)

“Each lived on his own property in their towns...”

- How do you see God using ordinary people in everyday places to fulfill His purposes here?
 - What would it look like for you to “*move in God’s Spirit*” in your workplace, neighborhood, or community?
 - Why is it important to see our daily routines as part of God’s mission, not separate from it?
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3. Stay Faithful Where God Plants You (vv. 25–36)

“Some of Judah’s descendants lived in Kiriath-arba and Dibon and their surrounding villages...”

- What does it mean to “stay faithful” in the place God has planted you — even when it feels small or unseen?
 - How do you discern God’s timing in seasons of waiting or transition?
 - Where do you sense God calling you to stay the course right now?
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4. Live as If There’s No Tomorrow

Application: Move With Urgency

- What would change in your life if you truly lived with a sense of godly urgency?
 - Why do we tend to put off what God is calling us to do today?
 - What “next step” can you take this week to move with urgency toward God’s vision?
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5. Bringing It Home

- How can we, as a church, *move into God’s vision together* — not just as individuals, but as one family?
 - What would “renewal” look like if every person at *The Gate* lived out their calling where they are?
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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.