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HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Nehemiah 7:1-73

**(Key Verse)**

**Nehemiah 7:2** that I gave the charge of Jerusalem to my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the leader of the citadel, for he [was] a faithful man and feared God more than many.

**(Nehemiah 7:1): 1** Then it was, when the wall was built and I had hung the doors, when the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed...

**Question:** What are some of the things that mankind in general is driven to worship?

**Question:** How can personal accomplishments bring us to a place of praising ourselves, and why is it so natural to do so?

**Question:** How does the progression: *I look. I'm driven. I worship. I serve* — play itself out?

**READ:** Deuteronomy 4:19

**Question:** How does my focus affect my direction in life, and how does my worship affect what I serve?

**Question:** For the follower of Jesus how should personal accomplishments lead us to a deeper place of worshiping the Lord, and what can we do to make sure we do not allow our worship of the Lord to be misdirected?

**Question:** How does our personal time of worshiping the Lord not only empower us in the spirit to make it through difficult circumstances, but aid us in keeping our focus on Whom all praise is due?

**READ:** John 4:23-24

**(Nehemiah 7:2):** 2 that I gave the charge of Jerusalem to my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the leader of the citadel, for he [was] a faithful man and feared God more than many.

**Question:** How did Nehemiah demonstrate his motivation for rebuilding the wall by turning over the control of Jerusalem to two other leaders? How can releasing control actually bring a greater benefit to a team?

**Question:** What does the term, *a faithful man that fears God more than many* mean to you?

**Question:** What do you need to do to be a faithful person, and to fear God more than man?

**READ:** Proverbs 29:25

**(Nehemiah 7:3-4):** **3** And I said to them, "Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot; and while they stand [guard], let them shut and bar the doors; and appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, one at his watch station and another in front of his own house." **4** Now the city [was] large and spacious, but the people in it [were] few, and the houses [were] not rebuilt.

**Question:** Why is it so important after a personal victory to not let your guard down, but rather to watch for the enemy at work?

**Question:** What can we do to protect our personal lives against the attacks of the enemy as well as our homes?

**Question:** What do you think it means to *watch, and pray lest you enter into temptation?*

**(Nehemiah 7:5-6):** **5** Then my God put it into my heart to gather the nobles, the rulers, and the people, that they might be registered by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of those who had come up in the first [return], and found written in it: **6** These [are] the people of the province who came back from the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his city.

**Question:** How does the Lord use organizational skills to complete His work on earth?

**Question:** How would organizing the people of Jerusalem help the city prosper in the future?

**(Nehemiah 7:70-73):** **70** And some of the heads of the fathers' [houses] gave to the work. The governor gave to the treasury one thousand gold drachmas, fifty basins, and five hundred and thirty priestly garments. **71** Some of the heads of the fathers' [houses] gave to the treasury of the work twenty thousand gold drachmas, and two thousand two hundred silver minas. **72** And that which the rest of the people gave [was] twenty thousand gold drachmas, two thousand silver minas, and sixty-seven priestly garments. **73** So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, [some] of the people, the Nethinim, and all Israel dwelt in their cities. When the seventh month came, the children of Israel [were] in their cities.

**Question:** In the genealogy individual names, and family names were mentioned specifically. Why do you believe it was so important for these individuals, and families to be mentioned in the Scriptures?

**Question:** Nehemiah's account also mentions those that gave gifts to help the efforts in Jerusalem. How does the Lord accomplish His work by allowing people to give generously, and what can we learn from the actions of the *heads of the fathers' houses*?