



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Nehemiah 11:1-36

(Key Verse)

Nehemiah 11:2 And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

(Nehemiah 11:1-2): **1** Now the leaders of the people dwelt at Jerusalem; the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to dwell in Jerusalem, the holy city, and nine-tenths [were to dwell] in [other] cities. **2** And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

Question: Why was it so important that the City of Jerusalem should not only be rebuilt, but also repopulated?

Question: How does the rebuilding, and repopulating of Jerusalem answer a prayer of Nehemiah, and fulfill a promise of the Lord?

READ: Nehemiah 1:9

Question: What kind of impact does it have on those involved with the work of the Lord when their leaders are leading by example?

Question: Why do you believe there was a special blessing for those that sacrificed, and volunteered to live inside the City of Jerusalem?

Question: What does it mean to *willingly offer yourself* to be a part of the work of the Lord, and how do you do so?

(Nehemiah 11:6): **6** All the sons of Perez who dwelt at Jerusalem [were] four hundred and sixty-eight valiant men.

Question: Why is it necessary to have men that are valiant to be involved in doing the work of the Lord, and what role do you believe they fulfilled in their city?

(Nehemiah 11:10-11): **10** Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, and Jachin; **11** Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, [was] the leader of the house of God.

Question: Why was it so important that there should be leadership *inside* the House of God, and how does the Lord establish leadership in the Church for the benefit of all?

(Nehemiah 11:16-17; 22): **16** Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the heads of the Levites, [had] the oversight of the business outside of the house of God; **17** Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the leader [who] began the thanksgiving with prayer; Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. **22** Also the overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem [was] Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha, of the sons of Asaph, the singers in charge of the service of the house of God.

Question: Why do you believe that there was someone established to take care of the business that took place *outside* of the house of God, and how is outreach an important part of the ministry?

Question: How does worshiping the Lord through the giving of thanks bless the Lord?

Question: Often, in times of worship the congregation does not sing. Why do you think that is, and what can be done to cultivate a heart to sing praises to the Lord?

(Nehemiah 11:24): **24** Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, [was] the king's deputy in all matters concerning the people.

Question: How does the ministry to God's people also involve practical, day-to-day type of interactions, and why are these things important as well as the spiritual?

READ: James 2:15-16