

Bible Study 10 - Big decisions - Nehemiah 11

In 444 BC Nehemiah returned from Susa in Babylon to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. All kinds of people worked together in unity. When they faced external opposition, Nehemiah prayed, posted guards and armed the workforce. When they faced poverty, Nehemiah rebuked the wealthy. When Nehemiah was intimidated by his enemies, he opposed their threats and temptations, he prayed and he kept working on the project until the wall was finished. Then he appointed a mayor, gatekeepers and Levites. When the Scripture was read they confessed their sins, celebrated the Festivals of Trumpets & Tabernacles and renewed their covenant to obey the Lord.

PART 1 Read Nehemiah -11

Repopulating Jerusalem (v.1-2)	How was Jerusalem repopulated?
Tribal families (v.3-9)	What tribes were represented?
Priests & Levites (v.10-19)	Why did they need Priests and Levites?
Others in Jerusalem (v.21-24)	What occupations are mentioned?
People in villages (v.20, 25-35)	What would have been the main occupations of these people?

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about God the Father, Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit.

2. Summarise the key verse(s) in your own words.

3. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

4. Would you rather be producing crops in the country, governing the nation in Jerusalem, or worshipping in the temple in Jerusalem?

5. How do you decide where to live and work?

6. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

7. How do you feel you need to change in order to live as a person of God?

