

Relocate to Rebuild
Rebuild Series
Discussion Questions

1. Read Nehemiah 11:1-2. In your own words, describe what is happening in this passage. Why was it a big sacrifice to repopulate the city? (Moving into Jerusalem would require sacrificing agricultural income, their land, and safety. Moving into an unpopulated city put you at risk of attack).
2. Why can it be difficult to make sacrifices that we don't personally benefit from?
3. How did the people respond? Why were they so willing?
4. How would their sacrifice benefit future generations?
5. Read Nehemiah 12:27-43. Joy pervades this scene. We have seen celebrations in the story before, but not one like this. From everything we have studied so far, why do you think this occasion calls for a joyous celebration?
6. Read Romans 12:1-2. How does this text call us to live? How does Jesus' sacrifice motivate us to sacrifice as well? What does it mean to be a "living sacrifice"? How does this open us up to seek God's will?
7. Has God ever called you to sacrifice for the sake of his kingdom (certain freedoms, security, or opportunities)? Or do you know of someone who lives like that?
8. What was the significance of the wall's dedication? How is God's faithfulness to Israel shown in these two chapters?
9. Is there anything God is calling you to sacrifice for his Kingdom? If not, let's take some time tonight to seek his will. End by praying for one another and the good works God has given each of you to do.