

Bible study for the week starting November 15, 2026

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Every day is a chance either draw a little closer to God or end up a little farther away. What's one simple habit in your life that has proven effective in leading you a little closer in your relationship with Him?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. **Read Nehemiah 11:1-2 and 12:27-31, 43-47. The people "tithed" themselves to live in Jerusalem. What's one area in your life where you have intentionally given more of yourself to Him, or what's one area where you are feeling that tug and haven't yet?**
2. **The dedication of the wall was really about the consecration of the people. We're called to do more than build or maintain a structure. What areas of our life can we better consecrate or re-consecrate ourselves to God's work? Maybe that's the same question as question 1. Let me say it a different way: what does a consecrated life look like *for you*?!**
3. **Joy was heard far away from Jerusalem. ce we *know* the Word, we no longer can claim ignorance. God's expectation is obedience. What's an example of this?**
4. **Read Colossians 3:12-17. What are the "clothing items" we're called to put on. Which items are the hardest for you, and what difference would it make if you deliberately put some of them on tomorrow?**
5. **Read Matthew 25:14-30. This is the assigned Gospel reading for the second to last Sunday in the church year; what does this have to do with "the end?" What joy is there in being a "good and faithful" servant?**

PRAY

Pray that you would live as a consecrated servant of God, knowing that your future is so securely in His hands that it impacts your present reality!



NEHEMIAH: JOY HEARD FAR AWAY

Nehemiah 11:1-2, 12:27-31, 43-47 (Col. 3:12-17; Matt. 25:14-30)
November 15, 2026 - Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

"We take on ourselves the OBLIGATION…" (Neh. 10:32)

They tithed their PEOPLE.

Worship is a GIFT – a DIVINE SERVICE.

EVERYONE worships SOMETHING!

Anything else you worship will EAT YOU ALIVE.

If you are consumed WITH the WRONG things, you will be consumed BY these things.

Nehemiah 12 isn't really about the DEDICATION of a WALL; it's about the CONSECRATION of a PEOPLE.

Q: What experiences have meaningfully connected you to Christ's Church?

For next week, please read Nehemiah 13.