



Bible study for the week starting October 18, 2026

SHARE

Share an accomplishment in your life in which you take pride. What are some obstacles you had to overcome?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read [Nehemiah 6](#). How did Nehemiah respond to his enemies' attempts to distract and discourage him? What helped him persevere, and what message did this communicate: both to the Israelites and those around them?
2. Hard hearts horde blessings. What is required if we want to be the kind of people who serve willingly, give generously, and tell enthusiastically?
3. Read [1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#). What do you hear about the faith, love, perseverance, and witness of the Christians in Thessalonica? How does this encourage you in the faith?
4. Read [Matthew 22:15-22](#). This passage is from the assigned lectionary system but reminds us some things are assigned to God, some to government, and some to the world. How does this fit the framework of daily work as an act of faithfulness to God?
5. The message highlighted several truths about work; did any of them (or others not mentioned) speak to your current situation? Which one(s)?
6. Step back – zoom out. How does this help you better see the value of your work in your church, family, workplace, community, etc?

PRAY

Pray for perseverance to continue each day, a glad and sincere heart to serve others, and faith to trust this labor is never in vain.



NEHEMIAH: PERSEVERANCE & PROVIDENCE

Nehemiah 6 & 7 (Philippians 1:1-11; Matthew 22:15-22)

October 18, 2026 - Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

What is an accomplishment in your life in which you take pride?

Hard hearts HORDE blessings:

- SERVE
- GIVE
- TELL

Truths about work:

1. If a job is worth STARTING, it's worth FINISHING.
2. Faithful work GLORIFIES God.
3. You are called to do the right THING, the right WAY, for the right PURPOSE.
4. Work is HARD!
5. Good work is often OPPOSED.
6. A bitter and stingy heart is a sure path to DISCOURAGEMENT.
7. God blesses our hands with MEANINGFUL work.

Step BACK – Zoom OUT.

For next week, please read Nehemiah 8.