

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM JUNE 22/23 SERMON

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- 1. In connection to our chapter from this week, share with the group how many times you have moved your residency, and were any of those moves tougher than others for yourself or your family?
- 2. Read Nehemiah 11:1-4. We said this weekend that there would have been many challenges for these leaders/families to face with their move to Jerusalem, yet they "willingly offered to live in Jerusalem".

Has anyone in the group ever experienced a clear calling of the Lord to make a major change in their life such as moving to a new town/city? How did you discern the Lord was calling you to make this move/change?

What does it look like for believers to willingly choose each day to lay down their personal comfort, preferences, and agenda to serve the Lord?

We discussed this weekend how the Lord sovereignly orchestrated through the leaders of Israel to have "valiant men" (v.6) and "men of valor" (v.8/14) move to Jerusalem in this challenging time. He also sovereignly spread out the rest of Israel amongst the surrounding villages/towns.

Read John 17:14-18 and Matthew 5:14-16. We said this weekend:

Wherever God has strategically placed you is your present mission field and not your final home.

If believers viewed their present location as their current mission field, how would that impact their daily priorities/interactions in their neighborhood/community?

3. Twice in Nehemiah 11, Jerusalem is described as the "holy city". A phrase used most often in Scripture in relationship with the return of Christ and the New Jerusalem to come.

Read Revelation 21:1-5

When you hear the description of our final home, in the New Heaven and Earth, the holy city, New Jerusalem with our Lord...what goes your through your mind?

4. Read <u>1 Peter 1:3-4</u>, and <u>2 Corinthians 5:20</u>. We said this weekend:

With eternal hope in our final home, we can be courageous ambassadors for Christ in our present mission field.

How should our hope in our final/eternal home with the Lord impact how we operate now in our present reality?

How can a believer make sure they constantly keep their hope and security in their future home with Jesus while operating for the Lord in our present broken world?

Please in your groups pray for VBS across all our campuses this week.

