



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM JULY 6/7 SERMON

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1. We are considering the Awe and Act of Worship from [Nehemiah 12-13](#). Take time to review what we learned about the Awe of Worship from [Nehemiah 12:27-47](#).

## THE AWE OF WORSHIP ([Neh. 12:27-47](#))

- Worship—from the old English word, “Worth-ship”
- Biblical Description: [Mark 12:29-30](#) (Jesus quoting [Deuteronomy 6:4-6](#))
- Three Components of Worship: Celebration. Thanksgiving. Dedication.
- Working Definition: Worship is honoring God moment-by-moment in response to his Person, his Work, and his Word.

After serving in Jerusalem for twelve years, Nehemiah went back to the Persian capital to serve King Artaxerxes. Two or three years later (we do not know for sure), he returned to Jerusalem to find that the people had not cultivated a culture of worship. Nehemiah addressed five areas to get the people back on track.

2. The Act of Worship: Associations

- Read [Deuteronomy 23:3-6](#) and [Nehemiah 13:1-9](#). Why was the association with the Ammonites and Moabites dangerous for Israel?
- Read [Nehemiah 4:1-3](#). Why was the association with Tobiah dangerous to the people in Jerusalem?
- Are you involved in any compromising partnerships and/or friendships?

3. The Act of Worship: Giving

- Read [Nehemiah 12:44-47](#) and [13:10-14](#). What did the people promise and what had they failed to do?
- Do you agree with the Wiersbe quote below? Do you believe giving is an important gage for worship? Why or why not?

When God's people start to decline spiritually, one of the first places it shows up is in their giving. [Jesus said] "For where you treasure is, there will your heart be also" ([Matt.6.21](#)). The believer who is happy in the Lord and walking in His will has a generous heart and wants to share with others. Giving is both the "thermostat" and the "thermometer" of the Christian life: It measures our spiritual "temperature" and also helps set it at the right level.

-Warren Wiersbe, Be Determined, 146

#### 4. The Act of Worship: Vocation

- Read [Nehemiah 13:15-22](#). Why was keeping the Sabbath so important for Old Testament Israel?
- How can you worship God in your vocation?

#### 5. The Act of Worship: Home

- Read [Nehemiah 13:23-27](#). Why did Nehemiah take such drastic action?
- Re-read [Nehemiah 13:26-27](#). Why was this question about Solomon such a solemn reminder?
- Why is Christian partnership in marriage so important?

#### 6. The Act of Worship: You and God

- Read [Nehemiah 13:28-31](#). Discuss Nehemiah's strength and resolve. He stood alone, made some difficult decisions, and was willing to take the heat for his decisions.
- Prayerfully consider—Are you willing to stand for Jesus even if you have to stand alone?