



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM MAY 11/12 SERMON

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1. To begin, read [Nehemiah 5](#) together as a group.

Put yourself in Nehemiah's shoes, after all you've done in leading Israel in rebuilding the wall and their identity as a nation, how frustrated would you have been to hear this report of Israel's leaders and other Jews ripping off and exploiting their fellow brothers/sisters who were in a desperate state to survive?

Anything else stick out to you initially in reading this chapter?

2. Read again [Nehemiah 5:9](#). What was most upsetting to Nehemiah was the hypocrisy of Israel, who proclaimed to their enemies that God alone would allow them to succeed in building the wall, yet here they were living in disobedience to God's Word and displaying a complete lack of reverent fear of God.

Do we do this at times today as Christians? How do we as believers today worship God on the weekend, yet live in a lack of reverent fear of Him and with hypocrisy throughout the week?

3. Read [Nehemiah 5:19](#), [13:14](#) and [13:31](#).

We said this weekend:

The believer's motivation for wholehearted obedience:

Every moment of every day, God sees me.

God's omnipresence and omniscience should never be just cool theology to discuss, it should motivate us to obedience with the understanding that our every thought, every motive, and every action is seen by God.

How does the reality that every moment of every day, God sees me, bring both conviction and comfort to the believer?

4. Focusing on the phrase, “Remember me”, we also stated this weekend:

The believer’s motivation for wholehearted obedience:

At the judgment seat of Christ, God will remember what I’ve done.

Read [Romans 14:10-12](#) and [2 Corinthians 5:9-10](#).

At the bema/judgment seat of Christ, our eternal security is not at stake, heaven is secure. With that said, we will give an account of our lives before Christ.

How should that reality impact our daily lives?

5. We also said this weekend, that Nehemiah lived in a time when God’s people were awaiting the coming of their Savior. Praise God we live post the first advent of Christ...post the death, burial, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We said this weekend:

The believer’s motivation for wholehearted obedience:

Jesus laid down His life for me, now I’m called to lay down my life for Him.

Read [Galatians 2:20](#).

How do believers today practically lay down their lives for Jesus Christ, and live out Galatians 2:20?

How does being in Christian community support and encourage us to live a sold-out life of obedience to God?