

A Faithful Testimony for a Faithful Future

Nehemiah 7:5-73a // April 24, 2022

INTRODUCTION:

- Icebreaker: What was the last time you did something for the first time ?
- Take some time to pray for one another and read the passage.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Verse 5 teaches us that God works in the heart of Nehemiah to do census, accounting, demographics and history for further work in Jerusalem. How does it strike you that God divinely leads Nehemiah to do what some would call bean-counting?
 - What does it teach us about how God works among His people?
 - What does it teach you about how your work and how it can relate to God's work?
- Vv. 6-73 is a recap of the genealogies, demographics, and accounting of Zerubbabel's generation of returned exiles. You may recognize some names from going through Ezra.
 - What is the purpose of remembering previous generations of God's people and what they have done?
 - In vv. 61-65, we see a list of families that aren't allowed into the priesthood due to indeterminate or mixed lineages—an issue dealt with in Ezra 9-10. Why bring up the mistakes of the past? How does it benefit the people and the work of God in the present?
 - In vv. 66-73, we see the accounting of the provisions given by the people for the work of rebuilding Jerusalem. How does learning about the generosity of our forebears cause us to be generous in Kingdom work today?
- In our own church context (or your own personal life), share some testimonies about the faithfulness of our forebears that encouraged you in your own walk with Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Members' Meeting, Wednesday 4/27 @ 6:30pm, in the Sanctuary
- Celebration Sunday 5/1 at Redeemer @ 9 & 11am
- Redeemer Women, Wednesday 5/4 @7pm, at the Joneses

Reminder: All events are listed in the Events tab in our Redeemer app. You can RSVP for specific events by going to the Events tab, clicking on an event, and following the link to register.