

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Chapter 5

1. What seems to be the great problem facing Nehemiah in Chapter 5?
 - a. Who comes to him with this problem?

2. There seem to be 3 concerns voiced by these people, what are they?
 - a. What seems to be the outcome or effect of these 3 issues?

3. What is Nehemiah's initial response to this problem?
 - a. Who does he speak to because of the situation (in verse 7)?

4. What does Nehemiah say to these other people?
 - a. What specific action does he take to begin dealing with this situation?

5. When does this take place? Is there any indication of time given for this situation?
 - a. If it takes place during the rebuilding of the wall, wouldn't this be a serious disruption of their work?
 - b. If so, why would this be so necessary at the time it takes place?

6. What are the specific things Nehemiah says (what issues does he address) at this meeting?
 - a. What else does Nehemiah do to hold these accountable men to their promise?
 - b. How do the people react to Nehemiah's exhortation to these leaders?

7. How does Nehemiah see their intention with this letter, and its accusations and threats?
 - a. What does Nehemiah do about all this? Who does he speak to about it (see verse 9)?

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8. What value and insight is gained from Nehemiah's journal recorded in verses 14-19?

a. How does this provide a frame of reference and give insight to the rest of Chapter 5?

9. What parallel could be drawn from Chapter 5 related to the church and leadership in our present day?

a. Could this parallel apply in any other way to our present times?

10. What are some corrective lessons learned from this study that could be applied in your life?

a. What are ways you can avoid, or stop, taking advantage of others, or giving into morally or ethically questionable activities?

11. What specific things does Nehemiah do that could have a parallel application for your own life?

a. Based on Nehemiah's words and actions in verses 14-18, what possible applications could you make for your own life?

b. What are specific ways you can help those who are poor, oppressed or needy?