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- New Living Translation (NLT) Holy Bible, New Living Translation, 1996, 2004 by Tyndale Charitable Trust

WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

For those who are new to the SCC lifestyle process, we study and meditate on the passage prior to it being preached, and then continue to sit in the same passage until our cell group meeting. Typically, our cell group meetings follow a few days after the Sunday service, which would conclude your “week” of SCC. The day after your cell group meeting you move to the next week and start reading the new passage.

| START MEDITATING ON PASSAGE THE WEEK OF.... | SCRIPTURE PASSAGE | CELEBRATION SERVICE |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|
| Week 1: July 6-11 | Nehemiah 5 | July 12 |
| Week 2: July 13-18 | Nehemiah 6:1-14 | July 19 |
| Week 3: July 20-25 | Nehemiah 6:15-7:73 | July 26 |
| Week 4: July 27-August 1 | Nehemiah 8 | August 2 |
| Week 5: August 3-8 | Nehemiah 9 | August 9 |
| Week 6: August 10-15 | Nehemiah 10 | August 16 |
| Week 7: August 16-22 | Nehemiah 11-12 | August 23 |
| Week 8: August 24-29 | Nehemiah 13 | August 30 |

LHAC'S LIFESTYLE ESSENTIALS

The SCC lifestyle encourages us to grow in loving God more fully and loving our world in Christ's name.

LOVING GOD IN SOLITUDE is to retreat to a quiet place, in an attitude of surrender and trust, for an unhurried time of communion with God through His Word, prayer and other spiritual disciplines. Biblical basis: Josh. 1:8, 1 Tim. 4:7, Ps. 91:1, Matt. 6:5-6.

LOVING GOD IN CELL is to gather together, in an environment of love and trust, with a small group of believers who are growing in intimacy with God through the SCC lifestyle, in order to spur one another on to love God more fully through sharing, accountability and prayer. Biblical basis: Prov. 27:17, Heb. 10:24, 1 Thes. 5:11.

LOVING GOD IN CELEBRATION is to gather together as a church family on a weekly basis to worship God and delight in His presence; in song we express our love for Him and through the preaching of the Word we hear His voice. Biblical basis: Ps. 22:22, Heb. 10:25, Rom. 12:4-5.

THE PRACTICE OF “LOVING GOD IN SOLITUDE”

There are 4 key components in the practice of “Loving God In Solitude” that we encourage each person to do on a daily basis:

PRAY. Settle into God's presence by expressing to Him where you are right now. Ask Him to draw near to you as you draw near to Him.

The following is a suggestion. “Father, my desire is to draw near to You and commune with You during this time. Create in my heart and mind a quietness and rest. as I place on You my burdens and concerns, and confess my sins....

Protect this time from interruptions and distractions. Allow this to be more than a discipline, but an encounter with You where I delight in Your presence as You delight in me. Give me ears to hear Your voice as I read Your Word. Teach me, rebuke me, correct or train me so that I will be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16). Holy Spirit fill me with Yourself, refresh my soul and nourish my spirit. My heart's desire is to enjoy loving intimacy with You now and throughout my day. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.”

READ THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGE MEDITATIVELY. Sink into the sermon-based scripture for a number of days, until you have plumbed the depths of it. Once you have plumbed its depths, move on to another bible passage (i.e. the complementary passage, or one of your own choosing) and sink into that for the remainder of the week.

- Study the passage of scripture to gain an understanding of the context of the passage and the key point(s) of truth taught in the passage.
- Listen for God's personal word to you through His written Word; attend to and linger over a word/phrase/verse that catches your attention.
- Practice listening prayer by waiting in a receptive posture of openness toward God, asking Him to show you how this word/phrase/verse connects with your life right now.
- Record what God is saying to you.

RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAYER. Allow your God-lead ponderings be a catalyst to prayer, talking to Him about what He has revealed to you. Take time to intercede for your accountability group members.

CONTINUE TO MEDITATE ON THIS WORD/PHRASE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. Allow God to further form, shape and apply these words in your life as you go into your day.

THE SCC WEEKLY PROCESS

WEEK 1

SOLITUDE: STUDYING AND MEDITATING ON NEHEMIAH 5

English Standard Version (ESV)

5 Now there arose ^(A)a great outcry of the people and of their wives ^(B)against their Jewish brothers. ²For there were those who said, "With our sons and our daughters, we are many. So let us get grain, that we may eat and keep alive." ³There were also those who said, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses to get grain because of the famine." ⁴And there were those who said, "We have borrowed money for ^(C)the king's tax on our fields and our vineyards. ⁵Now ^(D)our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children are as their children. Yet ^(E)we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards."

⁶I was very angry when I heard ^(F)their outcry and these words. ⁷I took counsel with myself, and I brought charges against the nobles and the officials. I said to them, ^(G)"You are exacting interest, each from his brother." And I held a great assembly against them ⁸and said to them, "We, as far as we are able, ^(H)have bought back our Jewish brothers who have been sold to the nations, but you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us!" They were silent and could not find a word to say. ⁹So I said, "The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk ^(I)in the fear of our God ^(J)to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? ¹⁰Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us abandon this exacting of interest. ¹¹Return to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the percentage of money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them." ¹²Then they said, "We will restore these and ^(K)require nothing from them. We will do as you say." And I called the priests and ^(L)made them swear ^(M)to do as they had promised. ¹³^(N)I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, "So may God shake out every man from his house and from his labor who does not keep this promise. So may he be shaken out and

New Living Translation (NLT):

5 About this time some of the men and their wives raised a cry of protest against their fellow Jews. ²They were saying, "We have such large families. We need more food to survive."

³Others said, "We have mortgaged our fields, vineyards, and homes to get food during the famine."

⁴And others said, "We have had to borrow money on our fields and vineyards to pay our taxes. ⁵We belong to the same family as those who are wealthy, and our children are just like theirs. Yet we must sell our children into slavery just to get enough money to live. We have already sold some of our daughters, and we are helpless to do anything about it, for our fields and vineyards are already mortgaged to others."

⁶When I heard their complaints, I was very angry. ⁷After thinking it over, I spoke out against these nobles and officials. I told them, "You are hurting your own relatives by charging interest when they borrow money!" Then I called a public meeting to deal with the problem.

⁸At the meeting I said to them, "We are doing all we can to redeem our Jewish relatives who have had to sell themselves to pagan foreigners, but you are selling them back into slavery again. How often must we redeem them?" And they had nothing to say in their defense.

⁹Then I pressed further, "What you are doing is not right! Should you not walk in the fear of our God in order to avoid being mocked by enemy nations? ¹⁰I myself, as well as my brothers and my workers, have been lending the people money and grain, but now let us stop this business of charging interest. ¹¹You must restore their fields, vineyards, olive groves, and homes to them this very day. And repay the interest you charged when you lent them money, grain, new wine, and olive oil."

emptied.” ^(O)And all the assembly said “Amen” and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

¹⁴Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from ^(P)the twentieth year to ^(Q)the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, ^(R)neither I nor my brothers ate the food allowance of the governor. ¹⁵The former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens on the people and took from them for their daily ration forty shekels of silver. Even their servants lorded it over the people. But I did not do so, ^(S)because of the fear of God. ¹⁶I also persevered in the work on this wall, and we acquired no land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work. ¹⁷Moreover, there were ^(T)at my table 150 men, Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations that were around us. ¹⁸^(U)Now what was prepared at my expense for each day was one ox and six choice sheep and birds, and every ten days all kinds of wine in abundance. Yet for all this ^(V)I did not demand the food allowance of the governor, because the service was too heavy on this people. ¹⁹^(W)Remember for my good, O my God, all that I have done for this people.

¹²They replied, “We will give back everything and demand nothing more from the people. We will do as you say.” Then I called the priests and made the nobles and officials swear to do what they had promised.

¹³I shook out the folds of my robe and said, “If you fail to keep your promise, may God shake you like this from your homes and from your property!”

The whole assembly responded, “Amen,” and they praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

¹⁴For the entire twelve years that I was governor of Judah—from the twentieth year to the thirty-second year of the reign of King Artaxerxes—neither I nor my officials drew on our official food allowance. ¹⁵The former governors, in contrast, had laid heavy burdens on the people, demanding a daily ration of food and wine, besides forty pieces of silver. Even their assistants took advantage of the people. But because I feared God, I did not act that way.

¹⁶I also devoted myself to working on the wall and refused to acquire any land. And I required all my servants to spend time working on the wall. ¹⁷I asked for nothing, even though I regularly fed 150 Jewish officials at my table, besides all the visitors from other lands! ¹⁸The provisions I paid for each day included one ox, six choice sheep or goats, and a large number of poultry. And every ten days we needed a large supply of all kinds of wine. Yet I refused to claim the governor’s food allowance because the people already carried a heavy burden.

¹⁹Remember, O my God, all that I have done for these people, and bless me for it.

Cross references:

A) Nehemiah 5:1 : [Ex. 3:9; Isa. 5:7]
B) Nehemiah 5:1 : Lev. 25:35, 37; Deut. 15:7
C) Nehemiah 5:4 : Ezra 4:13, 20; 7:24
D) Nehemiah 5:5 : Isa. 58:7; [Gen. 29:14]
E) Nehemiah 5:5 : [Ex. 21:7; Lev. 25:39; 2 Kgs. 4:1]
F) Nehemiah 5:6 : [See ver. 1 above]; [Ex. 3:9; Isa. 5:7]
G) Nehemiah 5:7 : [Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:36; Ps. 15:5; Ezek. 22:12]

H) Nehemiah 5:8 : Lev. 25:48, 49
I) Nehemiah 5:9 : Lev. 25:36
J) Nehemiah 5:9 : ch. 4:4; [2 Sam. 12:14]
K) Nehemiah 5:12 : [ch. 10:31]
L) Nehemiah 5:12 : Ezra 10:5
M) Nehemiah 5:12 : [Jer. 34:8, 9]
N) Nehemiah 5:13 : [Acts 18:6]
O) Nehemiah 5:13 : ch. 8:6; [Deut. 27:15]; 1 Chr. 16:36; Ps. 106:48

P) Nehemiah 5:14 : ch. 2:1
Q) Nehemiah 5:14 : ch. 13:6
R) Nehemiah 5:14 : [2 Thess. 3:8]
S) Nehemiah 5:15 : ver. 9
T) Nehemiah 5:17 : [2 Sam. 9:7, 10]; 1 Kgs. 18:19
U) Nehemiah 5:18 : [1 Kgs. 4:22, 23]
V) Nehemiah 5:18 : [See ver. 14 above]; [2 Thess. 3:8]
W) Nehemiah 5:19 : ch. 13:14, 22, 31

SOLITUDE: JOURNALING

As God speaks to you through His Word write down what is impacting you, what He is saying to you personally and/or your response back to Him.

WEEK 1

OPTIONAL: CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

We are introducing this as an option for those who are enjoying sinking into a small portion of Scripture weekly, but also want to see and understand the breadth of Scripture. If you participate in this, you will read the Bible through in 4 years, at a reasonable pace (i.e. 1 chapter per day for 6 days of the week) that will allow you to take time to prayerfully consider what God is saying to you.

- ☐ Song of Songs 3
- ☐ Song of Songs 4
- ☐ Song of Songs 5
- ☐ Song of Songs 6
- ☐ Song of Songs 7
- ☐ Song of Songs 8

OPTIONAL: JOURNALING FOR CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF GOD'S WORD

OPTIONAL: THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

PART 2 - Christ, Redemption, Grace

Q28: What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith?

At the day of judgment they will receive the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them. They will be cast out from the favourable presence of God, into hell, to be justly and grievously punished, forever.

WEEK 1
CELEBRATION: SERMON NOTES

How will what I heard impact my life this week?

WEEK 1
CELL GROUP MEETING:

PERSONAL REFLECTION (5 MINUTES)

Prayerfully consider your practice of Solitude over the previous week, as well as how God spoke to you as you lived the SCC lifestyle. Is God inviting you to.....

- Focus on your practice of “Loving God in Solitude”?
- Take a step of obedience?
- Repent from a sin?
- Trust and rest in a truth?
- Or something else?

This coming week God is inviting me to..... / My response to God's invitation is to....

How I did with last week's accountability item...



Pray for our International workers in Congo:

Dave and Teresa Bill

WEEK 1

GROUP ACCOUNTABILITY & PRAYER (30-45 MINUTES)

Group Members' Accountability Items (& Other Items) to Pray For:

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WEEK 2

SOLITUDE: STUDYING AND MEDITATING ON NEHEMIAH 6:1-14

English Standard Version (ESV)

6 Now when ^(A)Sanballat and Tobiah and ^(B)Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it ^(C)although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates),

² Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, “Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of ^(D)Ono.” But they intended to do me harm. ³ And I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?” ⁴ And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner. ⁵ In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. ⁶ In it was written, “It is reported among the nations, and Geshem also says it, that you and ^(E)the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall. And according to these reports you wish to become their king. ⁷ And you have also set up prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem, ‘There is a king in Judah.’ And now the king will hear of these reports. So now come and let us take counsel together.”

⁸ Then I sent to him, saying, “No such things as you say have been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind.” ⁹ For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.” But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

¹⁰ Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was ^(F)confined to his home, he said, “Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night.” ¹¹ But I said, “Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in.” ¹² And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, ^(G)but he had pronounced the prophecy

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6 Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies found out that I had finished rebuilding the wall and that no gaps remained—though we had not yet set up the doors in the gates. ² So Sanballat and Geshem sent a message asking me to meet them at one of the villages in the plain of Ono.

But I realized they were plotting to harm me, ³ so I replied by sending this message to them: “I am engaged in a great work, so I can’t come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?”

⁴ Four times they sent the same message, and each time I gave the same reply. ⁵ The fifth time, Sanballat’s servant came with an open letter in his hand, ⁶ and this is what it said:

“There is a rumor among the surrounding nations, and Geshem tells me it is true, that you and the Jews are planning to rebel and that is why you are building the wall. According to his reports, you plan to be their king. ⁷ He also reports that you have appointed prophets in Jerusalem to proclaim about you, ‘Look! There is a king in Judah!’

“You can be very sure that this report will get back to the king, so I suggest that you come and talk it over with me.”

⁸ I replied, “There is no truth in any part of your story. You are making up the whole thing.”

⁹ They were just trying to intimidate us, imagining that they could discourage us and stop the work. So I continued the work with even greater determination.

¹⁰ Later I went to visit Shemaiah son of Delaiah and grandson of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home. He said, “Let us meet together inside the Temple of God and bolt the doors shut. Your enemies are coming to kill you tonight.”

against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³ For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me. ¹⁴

^(H)Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also ^(I)the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid.

¹¹ But I replied, "Should someone in my position run from danger? Should someone in my position enter the Temple to save his life? No, I won't do it!" ¹² I realized that God had not spoken to him, but that he had uttered this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³ They were hoping to intimidate me and make me sin. Then they would be able to accuse and discredit me.

¹⁴ Remember, O my God, all the evil things that Tobiah and Sanballat have done. And remember Noadiah the prophet and all the prophets like her who have tried to intimidate me.

Cross references:

- A) Nehemiah 6:1 : ch. 2:10, 19; 4:1, 7
- B) Nehemiah 6:1 : [ver. 6]
- C) Nehemiah 6:1 : [ch. 3:1, 3]
- D) Nehemiah 6:2 : 1 Chr. 8:12
- E) Nehemiah 6:6 : ch. 2:19
- F) Nehemiah 6:10 : [Jer. 36:5]
- G) Nehemiah 6:12 : [Ezek. 13:17, 22]
- H) Nehemiah 6:14 : ch. 13:29
- I) Nehemiah 6:14 : [Ezek. 13:17]

WEEK 2

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WEEK 2

OPTIONAL: CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

- ☐ 1 Kings 1
- ☐ 1 Kings 2
- ☐ 1 Kings 3
- ☐ 1 Kings 4
- ☐ 1 Kings 5
- ☐ 1 Kings 6

OPTIONAL: JOURNALING FOR CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF GOD'S WORD

OPTIONAL: THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

PART 2 - Christ, Redemption, Grace

Q29: How can we be saved?

Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

WEEK 2

CELEBRATION: SERMON NOTES

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WEEK 2

CELL GROUP MEETING:

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- Or something else?

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WEEK 2

GROUP ACCOUNTABILITY & PRAYER (30-45 MINUTES)

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WEEK 3

SOLITUDE: STUDYING OF & MEDITATING ON NEHEMIAH 6:15-7:73

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¹⁵ So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. ¹⁶ And ^(A)when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, ^(B)for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. ¹⁷ Moreover, in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them. ¹⁸ For many in Judah were bound by oath to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of ^(C)Arah: and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of ^(D)Meshullam the son of Berechiah as his wife. ¹⁹ Also they spoke of his good deeds in my presence and reported my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid.

7 Now when the wall had been built ^(E)and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed, ² I gave ^(F)my brother Hanani and Hananiah the governor of ^(G)the castle charge over Jerusalem, for he was ^(H)a more faithful and God-fearing man than many. ³ And I said to them, "Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. And while they are still standing guard, let them shut and bar the doors. Appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, some at their guard posts and some in front of their own homes." ⁴ The city was wide and large, but the people within it were few, and no houses had been rebuilt.

⁵ Then my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles and the officials and the people to be enrolled by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy of ^(I)those who came up at the first, and I found written in it:

⁶ ^(J)These were the people of the province who came up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried into exile. They returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his town. ⁷ They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua,

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¹⁵ So on October 2 the wall was finished—just fifty-two days after we had begun. ¹⁶ When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God.

¹⁷ During those fifty-two days, many letters went back and forth between Tobiah and the nobles of Judah. ¹⁸ For many in Judah had sworn allegiance to him because his father-in-law was Shecaniah son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan was married to the daughter of Meshullam son of Berechiah. ¹⁹ They kept telling me about Tobiah's good deeds, and then they told him everything I said. And Tobiah kept sending threatening letters to intimidate me.

7 After the wall was finished and I had set up the doors in the gates, the gatekeepers, singers, and Levites were appointed. ² I gave the responsibility of governing Jerusalem to my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah, the commander of the fortress, for he was a faithful man who feared God more than most. ³ I said to them, "Do not leave the gates open during the hottest part of the day. And even while the gatekeepers are on duty, have them shut and bar the doors. Appoint the residents of Jerusalem to act as guards, everyone on a regular watch. Some will serve at sentry posts and some in front of their own homes."

⁴ At that time the city was large and spacious, but the population was small, and none of the houses had been rebuilt. ⁵ So my God gave me the idea to call together all the nobles and leaders of the city, along with the ordinary citizens, for registration. I had found the genealogical record of those who had first returned to Judah. This is what was written there:

⁶ Here is the list of the Jewish exiles of the provinces who returned from their captivity. King Nebuchadnezzar had deported them to Babylon, but now they returned to Jerusalem and the other towns

Nehemiah, ^(K)Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel: ⁸ the sons of Parosh, 2,172. ⁹ The sons of Shephatiah, 372. ¹⁰ The sons of Arah, ^(L)652. ¹¹ The sons of Pahath-moab, namely the sons of Jeshua and Joab, 2,818. ¹² The sons of ^(M)Elam, 1,254. ¹³ The sons of Zattu, 845. ¹⁴ The sons of Zaccai, 760. ¹⁵ The sons of ^(N)Binnui, 648. ¹⁶ The sons of Bebai, 628. ¹⁷ The sons of Azgad, 2,322. ¹⁸ The sons of Adonikam, 667. ¹⁹ The sons of Bigvai, 2,067. ²⁰ The sons of Adin, 655. ²¹ The sons of Ater, namely of Hezekiah, 98. ²² The sons of Hashum, 328. ²³ The sons of ^(O)Bezai, 324. ²⁴ The sons of Hariph, 112. ²⁵ The sons of ^(P)Gibeon, 95. ²⁶ The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, 188. ²⁷ The men of Anathoth, 128. ²⁸ The men ^(Q)of Beth-azmaveth, 42. ²⁹ The men of ^(R)Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743. ³⁰ The men of Ramah and Geba, 621. ³¹ The men of Michmas, 122. ³² The men of Bethel and Ai, 123. ³³ The men of the other Nebo, 52. ³⁴ The sons of ^(S)the other Elam, 1,254. ³⁵ The sons of Harim, 320. ³⁶ The sons of Jericho, 345. ³⁷ The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 721. ³⁸ The sons of Senaah, 3,930.

³⁹ The priests: the sons of ^(T)Jedaiah, namely the house of Jeshua, 973. ⁴⁰ The sons of ^(U)Immer, 1,052. ⁴¹ The sons of ^(V)Pashhur, 1,247. ⁴² The sons of ^(W)Harim, 1,017.

⁴³ The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, namely of Kadmiel of the sons of ^(X)Hodevah, 74. ⁴⁴ The singers: the sons of Asaph, 148. ⁴⁵ The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, 138.

⁴⁶ The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth, ⁴⁷ the sons of Keros, the sons of ^(Y)Sia, the sons of Padon, ⁴⁸ the sons of Lebana, the sons of ^(Z)Hagaba, the sons of ^(AA)Shalmai, ⁴⁹ the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, ⁵⁰ the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, ⁵¹ the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, ⁵² the sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of ^(AB)Nephushesim, ⁵³ the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of

in Judah where they originally lived. ⁷ Their leaders were Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah.

This is the number of the men of Israel who returned from exile:

- ⁸ The family of Parosh, 2172
- ⁹ The family of Shephatiah, 372
- ¹⁰ The family of Arah, 652
- ¹¹ The family of Pahath-moab (the descendants of Jeshua and Joab), 2818
- ¹² The family of Elam, 1254
- ¹³ The family of Zattu, 845
- ¹⁴ The family of Zaccai, 760
- ¹⁵ The family of Bani, 648
- ¹⁶ The family of Bebai, 628
- ¹⁷ The family of Azgad, 2322
- ¹⁸ The family of Adonikam, 667
- ¹⁹ The family of Bigvai, 2067
- ²⁰ The family of Adin, 655
- ²¹ The family of Ater (descendants of Hezekiah), 98
- ²² The family of Hashum, 328
- ²³ The family of Bezai, 324
- ²⁴ The family of Jorah, 112
- ²⁵ The family of Gibbar, 95
- ²⁶ The people of Bethlehem and Netophah, 188
- ²⁷ The people of Anathoth, 128
- ²⁸ The people of Beth-azmaveth, 42
- ²⁹ The people of Kiriath-jearim, Kephirah, and Beeroth, 743
- ³⁰ The people of Ramah and Geba, 621
- ³¹ The people of Micmash, 122
- ³² The people of Bethel and Ai, 123
- ³³ The people of West Nebo, 52
- ³⁴ The citizens of West Elam, 1254
- ³⁵ The citizens of Harim, 320
- ³⁶ The citizens of Jericho, 345
- ³⁷ The citizens of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 721
- ³⁸ The citizens of Senaah, 3930

³⁹ These are the priests who returned from exile:

Hakupha, the sons of Harhur, ⁵⁴ the sons of ^(AC)Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha, ⁵⁵ the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah, ⁵⁶ the sons of Nezhiah, the sons of Hatipha.

⁵⁷ The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of ^(AD)Perida, ⁵⁸ the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel, ⁵⁹ the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the sons of ^(AE)Amon.

⁶⁰ All the temple servants and the sons of Solomon's servants were 392.

⁶¹ ^(AF)The following were those who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, ^(AG)Addon, and Immer, but they could not prove their fathers' houses nor their descent, whether they belonged to Israel: ⁶² the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 642. ⁶³ Also, of the priests: the sons of Hobaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai (who had taken a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by their name). ⁶⁴ These sought their registration among those enrolled in the genealogies, but it was not found there, so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean. ⁶⁵ ^(AH)The ^(AI)governor told them that they were not to partake of the most holy food until a priest with Urim and Thummim should arise.

⁶⁶ The whole assembly together was 42,360, ⁶⁷ besides their male and female servants, of whom there were 7,337. And they had 245 singers, male and female. ⁶⁸ Their horses were 736, their mules 245, ⁶⁹ their camels 435, and their donkeys 6,720.

⁷⁰ Now some of the heads of fathers' houses gave to the work. The ^(AJ)governor gave to the treasury 1,000 darics of gold, 50 basins, 30 priests' garments and 500 minas of silver. ⁷¹ And some of the heads of fathers' houses gave into the treasury of the work 20,000 darics of gold and 2,200 minas of silver. ⁷² ^(AK)And what the rest of the people gave was 20,000 darics of gold, 2,000 minas of silver, and 67 priests' garments.

The family of Jedaiah (through the line of Jeshua), 973

⁴⁰ The family of Immer, 1052

⁴¹ The family of Pashhur, 1247

⁴² The family of Harim, 1017

⁴³ These are the Levites who returned from exile:

The families of Jeshua and Kadmiel (descendants of Hodaviah), 74

⁴⁴ The singers of the family of Asaph, 148

⁴⁵ The gatekeepers of the families of Shallum, Ater, Talmon, Akkub, Hatita, and Shobai, 138

⁴⁶ The descendants of the following Temple servants returned from exile:

Ziha, Hasupha, Tabbaoth,

⁴⁷ Keros, Siaha, Padon,

⁴⁸ Lebanah, Hagabah, Shalmal,

⁴⁹ Hanan, Giddel, Gahar,

⁵⁰ Reaiah, Rezin, Nekoda,

⁵¹ Gazzam, Uzza, Paseah,

⁵² Besai, Meunim, Nephusim,

⁵³ Bakbuk, Hakupha, Harhur,

⁵⁴ Bazluth, Mehida, Harsha,

⁵⁵ Barkos, Sisera, Temah,

⁵⁶ Nezhiah, and Hatipha.

⁵⁷ The descendants of these servants of King Solomon returned from exile:

Sotai, Hassophereth, Peruda,

⁵⁸ Jaalah, Darkon, Giddel,

⁵⁹ Shephatiah, Hattil, Pochereth-hazzebaim, and Ami.

⁶⁰ In all, the Temple servants and the descendants of Solomon's servants numbered 392.

⁶¹ Another group returned at this time from the towns of Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Kerub, Addan, and Immer. However, they could not prove that they or their families were descendants of Israel. ⁶² This group

⁷³ So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel, lived in their towns.

(AL) And when the seventh month had come, the people of Israel were in their towns.

included the families of Delaiah, Tobiah, and Nekoda—a total of 642 people.

⁶³ Three families of priests—Hobaiah, Hakkoz, and Barzillai—also returned. (This Barzillai had married a woman who was a descendant of Barzillai of Gilead, and he had taken her family name.) ⁶⁴ They searched for their names in the genealogical records, but they were not found, so they were disqualified from serving as priests. ⁶⁵ The governor told them not to eat the priests' share of food from the sacrifices until a priest could consult the Lord about the matter by using the Urim and Thummim—the sacred lots.

⁶⁶ So a total of 42,360 people returned to Judah, ⁶⁷ in addition to 7,337 servants and 245 singers, both men and women. ⁶⁸ They took with them 736 horses, 245 mules, ⁶⁹ 435 camels, and 6,720 donkeys.

⁷⁰ Some of the family leaders gave gifts for the work. The governor gave to the treasury 1,000 gold coins, 50 gold basins, and 530 robes for the priests. ⁷¹ The other leaders gave to the treasury a total of 20,000 gold coins and some 2,750 pounds of silver for the work. ⁷² The rest of the people gave 20,000 gold coins, about 2,500 pounds of silver, and 67 robes for the priests.

⁷³ So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Temple servants, and some of the common people settled near Jerusalem. The rest of the people returned to their own towns throughout Israel.

In October, when the Israelites had settled in their towns,

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 E) Nehemiah 7:1 : [ch. 6:1]
 F) Nehemiah 7:2 : ch. 1:2
 G) Nehemiah 7:2 : ch. 2:8
 H) Nehemiah 7:2 : [ch. 13:13]
 I) Nehemiah 7:5 : Ezra 1:11
 J) Nehemiah 7:6 : For ver. 6-73, see Ezra 2:1-70
 K) Nehemiah 7:7 : [Ezra 2:2]
 L) Nehemiah 7:10 : [Ezra 2:5]
 M) Nehemiah 7:12 : [ver. 34]

N) Nehemiah 7:15 : [Ezra 2:10]
 O) Nehemiah 7:23 : [Ezra 2:17]
 P) Nehemiah 7:25 : [Ezra 2:20]
 Q) Nehemiah 7:28 : [Ezra 2:24]
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 U) Nehemiah 7:40 : 1 Chr. 9:12; 24:14
 V) Nehemiah 7:41 : 1 Chr. 9:12
 W) Nehemiah 7:42 : 1 Chr. 24:8
 X) Nehemiah 7:43 : [Ezra 2:40; 3:9]
 Y) Nehemiah 7:47 : [Ezra 2:44]
 Z) Nehemiah 7:48 : [Ezra 2:46]

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 AB) Nehemiah 7:52 : [Ezra 2:50]
 AC) Nehemiah 7:54 : [Ezra 2:52]
 AD) Nehemiah 7:57 : [Ezra 2:55]
 AE) Nehemiah 7:59 : [Ezra 2:57]
 AF) Nehemiah 7:61 : Ezra 2:59
 AG) Nehemiah 7:61 : [Ezra 2:59]
 AH) Nehemiah 7:65 : Ezra 2:63
 AI) Nehemiah 7:65 : ch. 8:9; 10:1
 AJ) Nehemiah 7:70 : [See ver. 65 above]; ch. 8:9; 10:1
 AK) Nehemiah 7:72 : [Ezra 2:69]
 AL) Nehemiah 7:73 : Ezra 3:1

WEEK 3

SOLITUDE: JOURNALING

As God speaks to you through His Word write down what is impacting you, what He is saying to you personally and/or your response back to Him.

WEEK 3

OPTIONAL: CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

- ☐ 1 Kings 7
- ☐ 1 Kings 8
- ☐ 1 Kings 9
- ☐ 1 Kings 10
- ☐ 1 Kings 11
- ☐ 1 Kings 12

OPTIONAL: JOURNALING FOR CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF GOD'S WORD

OPTIONAL: THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

PART 2 - Christ, Redemption, Grace

Q30: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

WEEK 3

CELEBRATION: SERMON NOTES

How will what I heard impact my life this week?

WEEK 3

CELL GROUP MEETING:

PERSONAL REFLECTION (5 MINUTES)

Prayerfully consider your practice of Solitude over the previous week, as well as how God spoke to you as you lived the SCC lifestyle. Is God inviting you to.....

- Focus on your practice of "Loving God in Solitude"?
- Take a step of obedience?
- Repent from a sin?
- Trust and rest in a truth?
- Or something else?

This coming week God is inviting me to..... / My response to God's invitation is to....

How I did with last week's accountability item...



Pray for our International workers in Congo:

Dave and Teresa Bill

WEEK 3

GROUP ACCOUNTABILITY & PRAYER (30-45 MINUTES)

Group Members' Accountability Items (& Other Items) to Pray For:

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WEEK 4

SOLITUDE: STUDYING OF & MEDITATING ON NEHEMIAH 8

English Standard Version (ESV)

8 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before ^(A)the Water Gate. And they told ^(B)Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest ^(C)brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, ^(D)on the first day of the seventh month. ³ ^(E)And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁴ And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, ^(F)“Amen, Amen,” ^(G)lifting up their hands. ^(H)And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁷ ^(I)Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, ^(J)helped the people to understand the Law, ^(K)while the people remained in their places. ⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was ^(L)the governor, and Ezra ^(M)the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, ^(N)“This day is holy to the Lord your God; ^(O)do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and ^(P)send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” ¹¹ So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be

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8 all the people assembled with a unified purpose at the square just inside the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had given for Israel to obey.

² So on October 8 Ezra the priest brought the Book of the Law before the assembly, which included the men and women and all the children old enough to understand. ³ He faced the square just inside the Water Gate from early morning until noon and read aloud to everyone who could understand. All the people listened closely to the Book of the Law.

⁴ Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. To his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah. To his left stood Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam. ⁵ Ezra stood on the platform in full view of all the people. When they saw him open the book, they all rose to their feet.

⁶ Then Ezra praised the Lord, the great God, and all the people chanted, “Amen! Amen!” as they lifted their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁷ The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, and Pelaiah—then instructed the people in the Law while everyone remained in their places. ⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God and clearly explained the meaning of what was being read, helping the people understand each passage.

⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were interpreting for the people said to them, “Don’t mourn or weep on such a day as this! For today is a sacred day before the Lord your God.” For the people had all been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

grieved.” ¹²And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because ^(Q)they had understood the words that were declared to them.

¹³ On the second day the heads of fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and the Levites, came together to Ezra the scribe in order to study the words of the Law. ¹⁴ And they found it written in the Law that the Lord had commanded by Moses ^(R)that the people of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month, ¹⁵ and that they should proclaim it and ^(S)publish it in all their towns and ^(T)in Jerusalem, “Go out to the hills and bring ^(U)branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written.” ¹⁶ So the people went out and brought them and made booths for themselves, each ^(V)on his roof, and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at ^(W)the Water Gate and in the square at ^(X)the Gate of Ephraim. ¹⁷ And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in the booths, for from the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day ^(Y)the people of Israel had not done so. And there was ^(Z)very great rejoicing. ¹⁸ And day by day, from the first day to the last day, ^(AA)he read from the Book of the Law of God. They kept the feast seven days, and ^(AB)on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the rule.

¹⁰ And Nehemiah continued, “Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don’t be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!”

¹¹ And the Levites, too, quieted the people, telling them, “Hush! Don’t weep! For this is a sacred day.” ¹² So the people went away to eat and drink at a festive meal, to share gifts of food, and to celebrate with great joy because they had heard God’s words and understood them.

¹³ On October 9 the family leaders of all the people, together with the priests and Levites, met with Ezra the scribe to go over the Law in greater detail. ¹⁴ As they studied the Law, they discovered that the Lord had commanded through Moses that the Israelites should live in shelters during the festival to be held that month. ¹⁵ He had said that a proclamation should be made throughout their towns and in Jerusalem, telling the people to go to the hills to get branches from olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees. They were to use these branches to make shelters in which they would live during the festival, as prescribed in the Law.

¹⁶ So the people went out and cut branches and used them to build shelters on the roofs of their houses, in their courtyards, in the courtyards of God’s Temple, or in the squares just inside the Water Gate and the Ephraim Gate. ¹⁷ So everyone who had returned from captivity lived in these shelters during the festival, and they were all filled with great joy! The Israelites had not celebrated like this since the days of Joshua son of Nun.

¹⁸ Ezra read from the Book of the Law of God on each of the seven days of the festival. Then on the eighth day they held a solemn assembly, as was required by law.

Cross references:

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| B) Nehemiah 8:1 : See Ezra 7:6 | L) Nehemiah 8:9 : ch. 7:65, 70; 10:1; Ezra 2:63 | W) Nehemiah 8:16 : ver. 1, 3; ch. 3:26 |
| C) Nehemiah 8:2 : See Deut. 31:11 | M) Nehemiah 8:9 : ch. 12:26 | X) Nehemiah 8:16 : ch. 12:39; 2 Kgs. 14:13; 2 Chr. 25:23 |
| D) Nehemiah 8:2 : Lev. 23:24 | N) Nehemiah 8:9 : ver. 2; Lev. 23:24; Num. 29:1 | Y) Nehemiah 8:17 : [1 Kgs. 8:2; 2 Chr. 7:9; 8:13; Ezra 3:4] |
| E) Nehemiah 8:3 : See ch. 13:1 | O) Nehemiah 8:9 : [Eccles. 3:4] | Z) Nehemiah 8:17 : [2 Chr. 30:21] |
| F) Nehemiah 8:6 : See ch. 5:13 | P) Nehemiah 8:10 : Esth. 9:19, 22 | AA) Nehemiah 8:18 : Deut. 31:10, 11 |
| G) Nehemiah 8:6 : Ps. 134:2; Lam. 3:41; [1 Tim. 2:8] | Q) Nehemiah 8:12 : ver. 7, 8 | AB) Nehemiah 8:18 : Lev. 23:36; Num. 29:35 |
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| | U) Nehemiah 8:15 : [Lev. 23:40] | |

WEEK 4

SOLITUDE: JOURNALING

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WEEK 4

OPTIONAL: CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

- ☐ 1 Kings 13
- ☐ 1 Kings 14
- ☐ 1 Kings 15
- ☐ 1 Kings 16
- ☐ 1 Kings 17
- ☐ 1 Kings 18

OPTIONAL: JOURNALING FOR CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF GOD'S WORD

OPTIONAL: THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

PART 2 - Christ, Redemption, Grace

Q31: What do we believe by true faith?

Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

WEEK 4
CELEBRATION: SERMON NOTES

How will what I heard impact my life this week?

WEEK 4

PERSONAL REFLECTION (5 MINUTES)

Prayerfully consider your practice of Solitude over the previous week, as well as how God spoke to you as you lived the SCC lifestyle. Is God inviting you to.....

- Focus on your practice of "Loving God in Solitude"?
- Take a step of obedience?
- Repent from a sin?
- Trust and rest in a truth?
- Or something else?

This coming week God is inviting me to..... / My response to God's invitation is to....

How I did with last week's accountability item...



Pray for our International workers in the Dominican Republic:

*Rick and Tammie Romano
(Jon Romano)*

WEEK 4

GROUP ACCOUNTABILITY & PRAYER (30-45 MINUTES)

Group Members' Accountability Items (& Other Items) to Pray For:

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WEEK 5

SOLITUDE: STUDYING OF & MEDITATING ON NEHEMIAH 9

English Standard Version (ESV)

9 Now on the twenty-fourth day of (A) this month the people of Israel were assembled (B) with fasting (C) and in sackcloth, (D) and with earth on their heads. ² (E) And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. ³ (F) And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the Lord their God. ⁴ On the stairs of the Levites stood (G) Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani; and they cried with a loud voice to the Lord their God. ⁵ Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. (H) Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

⁶ (I) "You are the Lord, you alone. (J) You have made heaven, (K) the heaven of heavens, (L) with all their host, (M) the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; (N) and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. ⁷ You are the Lord, the God (O) who chose Abram and brought him out of (P) Ur of the Chaldeans (Q) and gave him the name Abraham. ⁸ (R) You found his heart faithful before you, (S) and made with him the covenant to give to his offspring (T) the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite. (U) And you have kept your promise, for you are righteous.

⁹ (V) "And you saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and heard (W) their cry at the Red Sea, ¹⁰ (X) and performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for you knew that (Y) they acted arrogantly against our fathers. And (Z) you made a name for yourself, as it is to this day. ¹¹ (AA) And you divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land, and you cast their pursuers into the

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9 On October 31 the people assembled again, and this time they fasted and dressed in burlap and sprinkled dust on their heads. ² Those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners as they confessed their own sins and the sins of their ancestors. ³ They remained standing in place for three hours while the Book of the Law of the Lord their God was read aloud to them. Then for three more hours they confessed their sins and worshiped the Lord their God. ⁴ The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Kenani—stood on the stairway of the Levites and cried out to the Lord their God with loud voices.

⁵ Then the leaders of the Levites—Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah—called out to the people: "Stand up and praise the Lord your God, for he lives from everlasting to everlasting!" Then they prayed:

"May your glorious name be praised! May it be exalted above all blessing and praise!

⁶ "You alone are the Lord. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship you.

⁷ "You are the Lord God, who chose Abram and brought him from Ur of the Chaldeans and renamed him Abraham. ⁸ When he had proved himself faithful, you made a covenant with him to give him and his descendants the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites, and Girgashites. And you have done what you promised, for you are always true to your word.

⁹ "You saw the misery of our ancestors in Egypt, and you heard their cries from beside the Red Sea. ¹⁰ You displayed miraculous signs and wonders against Pharaoh, his officials, and all his people, for you knew how arrogantly they were treating our ancestors. You

depths, (AB) as a stone into mighty waters. ¹² By (AC) a pillar of cloud you led them in the day, and by a pillar of fire in the night to light for them the way in which they should go. ¹³ (AD) You came down on Mount Sinai (AE) and spoke with them from heaven and gave them (AF) right rules and true laws, good statutes and commandments, ¹⁴ (AG) and you made known to them your holy Sabbath and commanded them commandments and statutes and a law by Moses your servant. ¹⁵ (AH) You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and (AI) brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and you (AJ) told them to go in to possess the land that you had sworn to give them.

¹⁶ "But they and our fathers (AK) acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey your commandments. ¹⁷ They refused to obey (AL) and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, (AM) gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. ¹⁸ Even (AN) when they had made for themselves a golden calf and said, 'This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,' (AO) and had committed great blasphemies, ¹⁹ you (AP) in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness. (AQ) The pillar of cloud to lead them in the way did not depart from them by day, (AR) nor the pillar of fire by night to light for them the way by which they should go. ²⁰ (AS) You gave your good Spirit to instruct them (AT) and did not withhold your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst. ²¹ (AU) Forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

²² "And you gave them kingdoms and peoples and allotted to them every corner. (AV) So they took possession of the land of Sihon king of Heshbon (AW) and the land of Og king of Bashan. ²³ You multiplied their children (AX) as the stars of heaven, and you brought them into the land that you had told their fathers to enter and possess. ²⁴ (AY) So the descendants went in and possessed the land, (AZ) and you subdued before them the inhabitants of

have a glorious reputation that has never been forgotten. ¹¹ You divided the sea for your people so they could walk through on dry land! And then you hurled their enemies into the depths of the sea. They sank like stones beneath the mighty waters. ¹² You led our ancestors by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night so that they could find their way.

¹³ "You came down at Mount Sinai and spoke to them from heaven. You gave them regulations and instructions that were just, and decrees and commands that were good. ¹⁴ You instructed them concerning your holy Sabbath. And you commanded them, through Moses your servant, to obey all your commands, decrees, and instructions.

¹⁵ "You gave them bread from heaven when they were hungry and water from the rock when they were thirsty. You commanded them to go and take possession of the land you had sworn to give them.

¹⁶ "But our ancestors were proud and stubborn, and they paid no attention to your commands. ¹⁷ They refused to obey and did not remember the miracles you had done for them. Instead, they became stubborn and appointed a leader to take them back to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love. You did not abandon them, ¹⁸ even when they made an idol shaped like a calf and said, 'This is your god who brought you out of Egypt!' They committed terrible blasphemies.

¹⁹ "But in your great mercy you did not abandon them to die in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud still led them forward by day, and the pillar of fire showed them the way through the night. ²⁰ You sent your good Spirit to instruct them, and you did not stop giving them manna from heaven or water for their thirst. ²¹ For forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell!

²² "Then you helped our ancestors conquer kingdoms and nations, and you placed your people in every corner of the land. They took over the land of King Sihon of Heshbon and the land of King Og of Bashan.

the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hand, with their kings and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would. ²⁵ And they captured (BA)fortified cities and (BB)a rich land, and took possession of (BC)houses full of all good things, cisterns already hewn, vineyards, olive orchards and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate and were filled (BD)and became fat and delighted themselves in (BE)your great goodness.

²⁶ (BF)“Nevertheless, they were disobedient and rebelled against you (BG)and cast your law behind their back (BH)and killed your prophets, who (BI)had warned them in order to turn them back to you, (BJ)and they committed great blasphemies. ²⁷ (BK)Therefore you gave them into the hand of their enemies, who made them suffer. (BL)And in the time of their suffering they cried out to you and you heard them from heaven, and according to your great mercies you gave them (BM)saviors who saved them from the hand of their enemies. ²⁸ (BN)But after they had rest they did evil again before you, and you abandoned them to the hand of their enemies, so that they had dominion over them. Yet when they turned and cried to you, you heard from heaven, (BO)and many times you delivered them according to your mercies. ²⁹ (BP)And you warned them in order to turn them back to your law. Yet (BQ)they acted presumptuously and did not obey your commandments, but sinned against your rules, (BR)which if a person does them, he shall live by them, (BS)and they turned a stubborn shoulder (BT)and stiffened their neck and would not obey. ³⁰ Many years (BU)you bore with them (BV)and warned them (BW)by your Spirit through your prophets. (BX)Yet they would not give ear. (BY)Therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. ³¹ Nevertheless, (BZ)in your great mercies (CA)you did not make an end of them or forsake them, (CB)for you are a gracious and merciful God.

³² “Now, therefore, our God, (CC)the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love, let not all the hardship seem little to you that has come upon us, upon our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and all your people, (CD)since the time of the kings of

²³ You made their descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and brought them into the land you had promised to their ancestors.

²⁴ “They went in and took possession of the land. You subdued whole nations before them. Even the Canaanites, who inhabited the land, were powerless! Your people could deal with these nations and their kings as they pleased. ²⁵ Our ancestors captured fortified cities and fertile land. They took over houses full of good things, with cisterns already dug and vineyards and olive groves and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate until they were full and grew fat and enjoyed themselves in all your blessings.

²⁶ “But despite all this, they were disobedient and rebelled against you. They turned their backs on your Law, they killed your prophets who warned them to return to you, and they committed terrible blasphemies. ²⁷ So you handed them over to their enemies, who made them suffer. But in their time of trouble they cried to you, and you heard them from heaven. In your great mercy, you sent them liberators who rescued them from their enemies.

²⁸ “But as soon as they were at peace, your people again committed evil in your sight, and once more you let their enemies conquer them. Yet whenever your people turned and cried to you again for help, you listened once more from heaven. In your wonderful mercy, you rescued them many times!

²⁹ “You warned them to return to your Law, but they became proud and obstinate and disobeyed your commands. They did not follow your regulations, by which people will find life if only they obey. They stubbornly turned their backs on you and refused to listen. ³⁰ In your love, you were patient with them for many years. You sent your Spirit, who warned them through the prophets. But still they wouldn’t listen! So once again you allowed the peoples of the land to conquer them. ³¹ But in your great mercy, you did not destroy them completely or abandon them forever. What a gracious and merciful God you are!

³² “And now, our God, the great and mighty and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of unfailing love, do not let all the hardships we have suffered

Assyria until this day. ³³ (CE) Yet you have been righteous in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully (CF) and we have acted wickedly. ³⁴ Our kings, our princes, our priests, and our fathers have not kept your law or paid attention to your commandments and your warnings that you gave them. ³⁵ Even in their own kingdom, (CG) and amid your great goodness that you gave them, and in the large and (CH) rich land that you set before them, (CI) they did not serve you or turn from their wicked works. ³⁶ Behold, (CJ) we are slaves this day; in the land that you gave to our fathers to enjoy its fruit and its good gifts, behold, we are slaves. ³⁷ (CK) And its rich yield goes to the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins. They rule over our bodies and over our livestock as they please, and we are in great distress.

³⁸ "Because of all this (CL) we make a firm covenant in writing; on (CM) the sealed document are the names of our princes, our Levites, and our priests.

seem insignificant to you. Great trouble has come upon us and upon our kings and leaders and priests and prophets and ancestors—all of your people—from the days when the kings of Assyria first triumphed over us until now. ³³ Every time you punished us you were being just. We have sinned greatly, and you gave us only what we deserved. ³⁴ Our kings, leaders, priests, and ancestors did not obey your Law or listen to the warnings in your commands and laws. ³⁵ Even while they had their own kingdom, they did not serve you, though you showered your goodness on them. You gave them a large, fertile land, but they refused to turn from their wickedness.

³⁶ "So now today we are slaves in the land of plenty that you gave our ancestors for their enjoyment! We are slaves here in this good land. ³⁷ The lush produce of this land piles up in the hands of the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins. They have power over us and our livestock. We serve them at their pleasure, and we are in great misery."

³⁸ The people responded, "In view of all this, we are making a solemn promise and putting it in writing. On this sealed document are the names of our leaders and Levites and priests."

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WEEK 5
SOLITUDE: JOURNALING

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OPTIONAL: CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

- ☐ 1 Kings 19
- ☐ 1 Kings 20
- ☐ 1 Kings 21
- ☐ 1 Kings 22
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 1
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 2

OPTIONAL: JOURNALING FOR CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF GOD'S WORD

OPTIONAL: THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

PART 2 - Christ, Redemption, Grace

Q32: What do justification and sanctification mean?

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

WEEK 5

CELEBRATION: SERMON NOTES

How will what I heard impact my life this week?

WEEK 5

CELL GROUP MEETING: RESPONSIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

PERSONAL REFLECTION (5 MINUTES)

Prayerfully consider your practice of Solitude over the previous week, as well as how God spoke to you as you lived the SCC lifestyle. Is God inviting you to.....

- Focus on your practice of "Loving God in Solitude"?
- Take a step of obedience?
- Repent from a sin?
- Trust and rest in a truth?
- Or something else?

This coming week God is inviting me to..... / My response to God's invitation is to....

How I did with last week's accountability item...



Pray for our International workers in the Dominican Republic:

*Rick and Tammie Romano
(Jon Romano)*

WEEK 5

GROUP ACCOUNTABILITY & PRAYER (30-45 MINUTES)

Group Members' Accountability Items (& Other Items) to Pray For:

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WEEK 6

SOLITUDE: STUDYING OF & MEDITATING ON NEHEMIAH 10

English Standard Version (ESV)

10 (A)“On the seals are the names of Nehemiah (B)the governor, (C)the son of Hacaliah, Zedekiah, ² (D)Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, ³ Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, ⁴ (E)Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, ⁵ Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, ⁶ Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, ⁷ Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, ⁸ Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah; these are the priests. ⁹ And the Levites: (F)Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of (G)Henadad, Kadmiel; ¹⁰ and their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, ¹¹ Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah, ¹² Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, ¹³ Hodiah, Bani, Beninu. ¹⁴ The chiefs of the people: (H)Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, ¹⁵ Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, ¹⁶ Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, ¹⁷ Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, ¹⁸ Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai, ¹⁹ Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, ²⁰ Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, ²¹ Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, ²² Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, ²³ Hoshea, Hananiah, ²⁷ Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

²⁸ (I)“The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, (J)and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding, ²⁹ join with their brothers, their nobles, (K)and enter into a curse and an oath (L)to walk in God's Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord and his rules and his statutes. ³⁰ (M)We will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons. ³¹ (N)And if the peoples of the land bring in goods or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on a holy day. And we will forego the crops of the (O)seventh year and the (P)exaction of every debt.

³² “We also take on ourselves the obligation to give yearly (Q)a third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: ³³ (R)for the showbread, (S)the regular grain offering, (T)the regular burnt offering, the

New Living Translation (NLT)

10 The document was ratified and sealed with the following names:

The governor:
Nehemiah son of Hacaliah, and also Zedekiah.

² The following priests:

Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, ³ Pashhur, Amariah, Malkijah, ⁴ Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, ⁵ Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, ⁶ Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, ⁷ Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, ⁸ Maaziah, Bilgai, and Shemaiah. These were the priests.

⁹ The following Levites:

Jeshua son of Azaniah, Binnui from the family of Henadad, Kadmiel, ¹⁰ and their fellow Levites: Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, ¹¹ Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah, ¹² Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, ¹³ Hodiah, Bani, and Beninu.

¹⁴ The following leaders:

Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, ¹⁵ Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, ¹⁶ Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, ¹⁷ Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, ¹⁸ Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai, ¹⁹ Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, ²⁰ Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, ²¹ Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, ²² Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, ²³ Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, ²⁶ Ahiah, Hanan, Anan, ²⁷ Malluch, Harim, and Baanah.

²⁸ Then the rest of the people—the priests, Levites, gatekeepers, singers, Temple servants, and all who had separated themselves from the pagan people of the land in order to obey the Law of God, together with their wives, sons, daughters, and all who were old enough to understand—²⁹ joined their leaders and bound themselves with an oath. They swore a curse on themselves if they failed to obey the Law of God as

Sabbaths, the new moons, the appointed feasts, the holy things, and the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

³⁴ (U)We, the priests, the Levites, and the people, have likewise cast lots (V)for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn on the altar of the Lord our God, (W)as it is written in the Law. ³⁵ We obligate ourselves (X)to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord; ³⁶ also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, (Y)as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks; ³⁷ (Z)and to bring the first of our dough, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, (AA)to the chambers of the house of our God; and to bring to the Levites the tithes from our ground, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our towns where we labor. ³⁸ And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive the tithes. And the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of (AB)the storehouse. ³⁹ For the people of Israel and the sons of Levi (AC)shall bring the contribution of grain, wine, and oil to the chambers, where the vessels of the sanctuary are, as well as the priests who minister, and the gatekeepers and the singers. (AD)We will not neglect the house of our God."

issued by his servant Moses. They solemnly promised to carefully follow all the commands, regulations, and decrees of the Lord our Lord:

³⁰ "We promise not to let our daughters marry the pagan people of the land, and not to let our sons marry their daughters.

³¹ "We also promise that if the people of the land should bring any merchandise or grain to be sold on the Sabbath or on any other holy day, we will refuse to buy it. Every seventh year we will let our land rest, and we will cancel all debts owed to us.

³² "In addition, we promise to obey the command to pay the annual Temple tax of one-eighth of an ounce of silver for the care of the Temple of our God. ³³ This will provide for the Bread of the Presence; for the regular grain offerings and burnt offerings; for the offerings on the Sabbaths, the new moon celebrations, and the annual festivals; for the holy offerings; and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel. It will provide for everything necessary for the work of the Temple of our God.

³⁴ "We have cast sacred lots to determine when—at regular times each year—the families of the priests, Levites, and the common people should bring wood to God's Temple to be burned on the altar of the Lord our God, as is written in the Law.

³⁵ "We promise to bring the first part of every harvest to the Lord's Temple year after year—whether it be a crop from the soil or from our fruit trees. ³⁶ We agree to give God our oldest sons and the firstborn of all our herds and flocks, as prescribed in the Law. We will present them to the priests who minister in the Temple of our God. ³⁷ We will store the produce in the storerooms of the Temple of our God. We will bring the best of our flour and other grain offerings, the best of our fruit, and the best of our new wine and olive oil. And we promise to bring to the Levites a tenth of everything our land produces, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our rural towns.

³⁸ "A priest—a descendant of Aaron—will be with the Levites as they receive these tithes. And a tenth of all that is collected as tithes will be delivered by the

Levites to the Temple of our God and placed in the storerooms. ³⁹ The people and the Levites must bring these offerings of grain, new wine, and olive oil to the storerooms and place them in the sacred containers near the ministering priests, the gatekeepers, and the singers.

“We promise together not to neglect the Temple of our God.”

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 F) Nehemiah 10:9 : Ezra 2:40
 G) Nehemiah 10:9 : Ezra 3:9
 H) Nehemiah 10:14 : See ch. 7:8-42; Ezra 2:3-35
 I) Nehemiah 10:28 : See Ezra 2:36-54
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 S) Nehemiah 10:33 : See Num. 28; 29
 T) Nehemiah 10:33 : See Num. 28; 29
 U) Nehemiah 10:34 : [ch. 11:1]
 V) Nehemiah 10:34 : ch. 13:31; [Isa. 40:16]

W) Nehemiah 10:34 : Lev. 6:12
 X) Nehemiah 10:35 : Ex. 23:19; 34:26; Lev. 19:23, 24; Num. 18:12; Deut. 26:2
 Y) Nehemiah 10:36 : Ex. 13:2, 12, 13; Lev. 27:26, 27; Num. 18:15, 16
 Z) Nehemiah 10:37 : Lev. 23:17; Num. 15:20, 21; 18:12; Deut. 18:4
 AA) Nehemiah 10:37 : 1 Chr. 9:26; 2 Chr. 31:11
 AB) Nehemiah 10:38 : 1 Chr. 26:20
 AC) Nehemiah 10:39 : [ch. 13:12; Deut. 12:6, 11; 2 Chr. 31:12]
 AD) Nehemiah 10:39 : [ch. 13:11]

WEEK 6
SOLITUDE: JOURNALING

WEEK 6

OPTIONAL: CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

- ☐ 2 Chronicles 3
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- ☐ 2 Chronicles 7
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OPTIONAL: JOURNALING FOR CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF GOD'S WORD

OPTIONAL: THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

PART 2 - Christ, Redemption, Grace

Q33: Should those who have their faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?

No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ. To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.

WEEK 6

CELEBRATION: SERMON NOTES

How will what I heard impact my life this week?

WEEK 6

CELL GROUP MEETING: RESPONSIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

Prayerfully consider your practice of Solitude over the previous week, as well as how God spoke to you as you lived the SCC lifestyle. Is God inviting you to.....

- Focus on your practice of "Loving God in Solitude"?
- Take a step of obedience?
- Repent from a sin?
- Trust and rest in a truth?
- Or something else?

This coming week God is inviting me to..... / My response to God's invitation is to....

How I did with last week's accountability item...



Pray for our International workers in the Dominican Republic:

*Rick and Tammie Romano
(Jon Romano)*

WEEK 6

GROUP ACCOUNTABILITY & PRAYER (30-45 MINUTES)

Group Members' Accountability Items (& Other Items) to Pray For:

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WEEK 7

SOLITUDE: STUDYING OF & MEDITATING ON NEHEMIAH 11-12

English Standard Version (ESV)

11 Now the leaders of the people (A)lived in Jerusalem. And the rest of the people (B)cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem (C)the holy city, while nine out of ten remained in the other towns. ² And the people blessed all the men (D)who willingly offered to live in Jerusalem.

³ (E)These are the chiefs of the province who lived in Jerusalem; but in the towns of Judah (F)everyone lived on his property in their towns: Israel, the priests, the Levites, (G)the temple servants, (H)and the descendants of Solomon's servants. ⁴ And in Jerusalem lived certain of the sons of Judah and of the sons of Benjamin. Of the sons of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uziah, son of Zechariah, son of Amariah, son of Shephatiah, son of Mahalalel, of the sons of (I)Perez; ⁵ and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, son of Col-hozeh, son of Hazaiah, son of Adaiah, son of Joarib, son of Zechariah, son of the Shilonite. ⁶ All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem were 468 valiant men.

⁷ And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, son of Joed, son of Pedaiiah, son of Kolaiah, son of Maaseiah, son of Ithiel, son of Jeshaiiah, ⁸ and his brothers, men of valor, 928. ⁹ Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer; and Judah the son of Hassenuah was second over the city.

¹⁰ Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joarib, Jachin, ¹¹ Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, son of Meshullam, son of Zadok, son of Meraioth, son of Ahitub, ruler of the house of God, ¹² and their brothers who did the work of the house, 822; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, son of Pelaliah, son of Amzi, son of Zechariah, son of Pashhur, son of Malchijah, ¹³ and his brothers, heads of fathers' houses, 242; and Amashsai, the son of Azarel, son of Ahzai, son of Meshillemoth, son of Immer, ¹⁴ and their brothers, mighty men of valor, 128; their overseer was Zabdiel the son of Haggadolim.

New Living Translation (NLT)

11 The leaders of the people were living in Jerusalem, the holy city. A tenth of the people from the other towns of Judah and Benjamin were chosen by sacred lots to live there, too, while the rest stayed where they were. ² And the people commended everyone who volunteered to resettle in Jerusalem.

³ Here is a list of the names of the provincial officials who came to live in Jerusalem. (Most of the people, priests, Levites, Temple servants, and descendants of Solomon's servants continued to live in their own homes in the various towns of Judah, ⁴ but some of the people from Judah and Benjamin resettled in Jerusalem.)

From the tribe of Judah:

Athaiah son of Uziah, son of Zechariah, son of Amariah, son of Shephatiah, son of Mahalalel, of the family of Perez. ⁵ Also Maaseiah son of Baruch, son of Col-hozeh, son of Hazaiah, son of Adaiah, son of Joarib, son of Zechariah, of the family of Shelah. ⁶ There were 468 descendants of Perez who lived in Jerusalem—all outstanding men.

⁷ From the tribe of Benjamin:

Sallu son of Meshullam, son of Joed, son of Pedaiiah, son of Kolaiah, son of Maaseiah, son of Ithiel, son of Jeshaiiah. ⁸ After him were Gabbai and Sallai and a total of 928 relatives. ⁹ Their chief officer was Joel son of Zicri, who was assisted by Judah son of Hassenuah, second-in-command over the city.

¹⁰ From the priests:

Jedaiah son of Joarib; Jakin; ¹¹ and Seraiah son of Hilkiyah, son of Meshullam, son of Zadok, son of Meraioth, son of Ahitub, the supervisor of the Temple of God. ¹² Also 822 of their associates, who worked at the Temple. Also Adaiah son of

¹⁵ And of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, son of Azrikam, son of Hashabiah, son of Bunni;

¹⁶ and Shabbethai and (J)Jozabad, of the chiefs of the Levites, who were over (K)the outside work of the house of God; ¹⁷ and (L)Mattaniah the son of Mica, son of Zabdi, son of Asaph, who was the leader of the praise, who gave thanks, and Bakbukiah, the second among his brothers; and Abda the son of Shammua, son of Galal, son of Jeduthun. ¹⁸ All the Levites in (M)the holy city were 284.

¹⁹ The gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon and their brothers, who kept watch at the gates, were 172. ²⁰ And the rest of Israel, and of the priests and the Levites, were in all the towns of Judah, (N)every one in his inheritance.

²¹ (O)But the temple servants lived on Ophel; and Ziha and Gishpa were over the temple servants.

²² The overseer of the Levites in Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, son of Hashabiah, son of Mattaniah, son of Mica, of the sons of Asaph, the singers, over the work of the house of God. ²³ (P)For there was a command from the king concerning them, and a fixed provision for the singers, (Q)as every day required.

²⁴ And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the sons of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's side in all matters concerning the people.

²⁵ And as for the villages, with their fields, some of the people of Judah lived in (R)Kiriath-arba and its villages, and in Dibon and its villages, and in Jekabzeel and its villages, ²⁶ and in Jeshua and in Moladah and Beth-pelet, ²⁷ in Hazar-shual, in Beersheba and its villages, ²⁸ in Ziklag, in Meconah and its villages, ²⁹ in En-rimmon, in Zorah, in Jarmuth, ³⁰ Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and its fields, and Azekah and its villages. So they encamped from Beersheba to (S)the Valley of Hinnom. ³¹ The people of Benjamin also lived from Geba onward, at Michmash, Aija, Bethel and its villages, ³² Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, ³³ Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, ³⁴ Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, ³⁵ Lod, and (T)Ono, the valley of craftsmen. ³⁶ And certain divisions of the Levites in Judah were assigned to Benjamin.

12 These are (U)the priests and the Levites who came up with (V)Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and

Jeroham, son of Pelaliah, son of Amzi, son of Zechariah, son of Pashhur, son of Malkijah,

¹³ along with 242 of his associates, who were heads of their families. Also Amashsai son of Azarel, son of Ahzai, son of Meshillemoth, son of Immer, ¹⁴ and 128 of his outstanding associates. Their chief officer was Zabdiel son of Haggadolim.

¹⁵ From the Levites:

Shemaiah son of Hasshub, son of Azrikam, son of Hashabiah, son of Bunni. ¹⁶ Also Shabbethai and Jozabad, who were in charge of the work outside the Temple of God. ¹⁷ Also Mattaniah son of Mica, son of Zabdi, a descendant of Asaph, who led in thanksgiving and prayer. Also Bakbukiah, who was Mattaniah's assistant, and Abda son of Shammua, son of Galal, son of Jeduthun. ¹⁸ In all, there were 284 Levites in the holy city.

¹⁹ From the gatekeepers:

Akkub, Talmon, and 172 of their associates, who guarded the gates.

²⁰ The other priests, Levites, and the rest of the Israelites lived wherever their family inheritance was located in any of the towns of Judah. ²¹ The Temple servants, however, whose leaders were Ziha and Gishpa, all lived on the hill of Ophel.

²² The chief officer of the Levites in Jerusalem was Uzzi son of Bani, son of Hashabiah, son of Mattaniah, son of Mica, a descendant of Asaph, whose family served as singers at God's Temple. ²³ Their daily responsibilities were carried out according to the terms of a royal command.

²⁴ Pethahiah son of Meshezabel, a descendant of Zerah son of Judah, was the royal adviser in all matters of public administration.

²⁵ As for the surrounding villages with their open fields, some of the people of Judah lived in Kiriath-arba with its settlements, Dibon with its settlements, and Jekabzeel with its villages. ²⁶ They also lived in

(W)Jeshua: (X)Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, ² Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, ³ Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, ⁴ Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah, ⁵ Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, ⁶ Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah, ⁷ Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the chiefs of the priests and of their brothers in the days of Jeshua.

⁸ And the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who with his brothers was (Y)in charge of the songs of thanksgiving. ⁹ And Bakbukiah and Unni and their brothers stood opposite them (Z)in the service. ¹⁰ And Jeshua was the father of Joiakim, Joiakim the father of Eliashib, Eliashib the father of Joiada, ¹¹ Joiada the father of Jonathan, and Jonathan the father of Jaddua.

¹² (AA)And in the days of Joiakim were priests, heads of fathers' houses: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; ¹³ of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; ¹⁴ of Malluchi, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; ¹⁵ of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; ¹⁶ of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; ¹⁷ of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai; ¹⁸ of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; ¹⁹ of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; ²⁰ of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; ²¹ of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

²² In the days of Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua, the Levites were recorded as heads of fathers' houses; so too were the priests in the reign of Darius the Persian. ²³ As for the sons of Levi, their heads of fathers' houses (AB)were written in the Book of the Chronicles until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib. ²⁴ And the chiefs of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and (AC)Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers who stood opposite them, (AD)to praise and to give thanks, (AE)according to the commandment of David (AF)the man of God, (AG)watch by watch. ²⁵ Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were gatekeepers standing guard at (AH)the storehouses of the gates. ²⁶ These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua son of Jozadak, and in the days of (AI)Nehemiah the governor and of (AJ)Ezra, the priest and scribe.

Jeshua, Moladah, Beth-pelet, ²⁷ Hazar-shual, Beersheba with its settlements, ²⁸ Ziklag, and Meconah with its settlements. ²⁹ They also lived in En-rimmon, Zorah, Jarmuth, ³⁰ Zanoah, and Adullam with their surrounding villages. They also lived in Lachish with its nearby fields and Azekah with its surrounding villages. So the people of Judah were living all the way from Beersheba in the south to the valley of Hinnom.

³¹ Some of the people of Benjamin lived at Geba, Micmash, Aija, and Bethel with its settlements. ³² They also lived in Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, ³³ Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, ³⁴ Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, ³⁵ Lod, Ono, and the Valley of Craftsmen. ³⁶ Some of the Levites who lived in Judah were sent to live with the tribe of Benjamin.

12 Here is the list of the priests and Levites who returned with Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the high priest:

Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,
² Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,
³ Shecaniah, Harim, Meremoth,
⁴ Iddo, Ginnethon, Abijah,
⁵ Miniamin, Moadiah, Bilgah,
⁶ Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah,
⁷ Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah.

These were the leaders of the priests and their associates in the days of Jeshua.

⁸ The Levites who returned with them were Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who with his associates was in charge of the songs of thanksgiving. ⁹ Their associates, Bakbukiah and Unni, stood opposite them during the service.

¹⁰ Jeshua the high priest was the father of Joiakim. Joiakim was the father of Eliashib. Eliashib was the father of Joiada.

¹¹ Joiada was the father of Johanan. Johanan was the father of Jaddua.

²⁷ And at (AK)the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings and with singing, (AL)with cymbals, harps, and lyres. ²⁸ And the sons of the singers gathered together from the district surrounding Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites; ²⁹ also from Beth-gilgal and from the region of Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built for themselves villages around Jerusalem. ³⁰ And the priests and the Levites (AM)purified themselves, and they purified the people and the gates and the wall.

³¹ Then I brought the leaders of Judah up onto the wall and appointed two great choirs that gave thanks. (AN)One went to the south on the wall to (AO)the Dung Gate. ³² And after them went Hoshai and half of the leaders of Judah, ³³ and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, ³⁴ Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, ³⁵ and certain of the priests' sons (AP)with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, son of Shemaiah, son of Mattaniah, son of Micaiah, son of Zaccur, son of Asaph; ³⁶ and his relatives, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, and Hanani, (AQ)with the musical instruments of David (AR)the man of God. And Ezra the scribe went before them. ³⁷ At (AS)the Fountain Gate they went up straight before them by (AT)the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, to (AU)the Water Gate on the east.

³⁸ (AV)The other choir of those who gave thanks went to the north, and I followed them with half of the people, on the wall, above (AW)the Tower of the Ovens, to (AX)the Broad Wall, ³⁹ and above (AY)the Gate of Ephraim, and by (AZ)the Gate of Yeshanah, and by (BA)the Fish Gate and (BB)the Tower of Hananel and (BC)the Tower of the Hundred, to (BD)the Sheep Gate; and they came to a halt at (BE)the Gate of the Guard. ⁴⁰ So both choirs of those who gave thanks stood in the house of God, and I and half of the officials with me; ⁴¹ and the priests Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, (BF)with trumpets; ⁴² and Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang with Jezrahiah

¹² Now when Joiakim was high priest, the family leaders of the priests were as follows:

Meraiah was leader of the family of Seraiah.

Hananiah was leader of the family of Jeremiah.

¹³ Meshullam was leader of the family of Ezra.

Jehohanan was leader of the family of Amariah.

¹⁴ Jonathan was leader of the family of Malluch.

Joseph was leader of the family of Shecaniah.

¹⁵ Adna was leader of the family of Harim.

Helkai was leader of the family of Meremoth.

¹⁶ Zechariah was leader of the family of Iddo.

Meshullam was leader of the family of Ginnethon.

¹⁷ Zicri was leader of the family of Abijah.

There was also a leader of the family of Miniamin.

Piltai was leader of the family of Moadiah.

¹⁸ Shammua was leader of the family of Bilgah.

Jehonathan was leader of the family of Shemaiah.

¹⁹ Mattenai was leader of the family of Joiarib.

Uzzi was leader of the family of Jedaiah.

²⁰ Kallai was leader of the family of Sallu.

Eber was leader of the family of Amok.

²¹ Hashabiah was leader of the family of Hilkiah.

Nethanel was leader of the family of Jedaiah.

²² A record of the Levite families was kept during the years when Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua served as high priest. Another record of the priests was kept during the reign of Darius the Persian. ²³ A record of the heads of the Levite families was kept in The Book of History down to the days of Johanan, the grandson of Eliashib.

²⁴ These were the family leaders of the Levites:

Hashabiah, Sherebiah, Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, and other associates, who stood opposite them during the ceremonies of praise and thanksgiving, one section responding to the other, as commanded by David, the man of God. ²⁵ This included Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, and Obadiah.

Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were the gatekeepers in charge of the storerooms at the gates. ²⁶ These all served in the days of Joiakim son of Jeshua, son of Jehozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor and of Ezra the priest and scribe.

²⁷ For the dedication of the new wall of Jerusalem, the Levites throughout the land were asked to come to

as their leader. ⁴³ And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.

⁴⁴ (BG) On that day men were appointed over the storerooms, the contributions, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them the portions required by the Law for the priests and for the Levites according to the fields of the towns, for Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who ministered. ⁴⁵ And they performed the service of their God and the service of purification, as did the singers and the gatekeepers, (BH) according to the command of David and his son Solomon. ⁴⁶ For long ago in the days of David and (BI) Asaph there were directors of the singers, and there were songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. ⁴⁷ And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah gave the (BJ) daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers; (BK) and they set apart that which was for the Levites; (BL) and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.

Jerusalem to assist in the ceremonies. They were to take part in the joyous occasion with their songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps, and lyres. ²⁸ The singers were brought together from the region around Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites. ²⁹ They also came from Beth-gilgal and the rural areas near Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built their own settlements around Jerusalem. ³⁰ The priests and Levites first purified themselves; then they purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

³¹ I led the leaders of Judah to the top of the wall and organized two large choirs to give thanks. One of the choirs proceeded southward along the top of the wall to the Dung Gate. ³² Hoshaiah and half the leaders of Judah followed them, ³³ along with Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, ³⁴ Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, and Jeremiah. ³⁵ Then came some priests who played trumpets, including Zechariah son of Jonathan, son of Shemaiah, son of Mattaniah, son of Micaiah, son of Zaccur, a descendant of Asaph. ³⁶ And Zechariah's colleagues were Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, and Hanani. They used the musical instruments prescribed by David, the man of God. Ezra the scribe led this procession. ³⁷ At the Fountain Gate they went straight up the steps on the ascent of the city wall toward the City of David. They passed the house of David and then proceeded to the Water Gate on the east.

³⁸ The second choir giving thanks went northward around the other way to meet them. I followed them, together with the other half of the people, along the top of the wall past the Tower of the Ovens to the Broad Wall, ³⁹ then past the Ephraim Gate to the Old City Gate, past the Fish Gate and the Tower of Hananel, and on to the Tower of the Hundred. Then we continued on to the Sheep Gate and stopped at the Guard Gate.

⁴⁰ The two choirs that were giving thanks then proceeded to the Temple of God, where they took their places. So did I, together with the group of leaders who were with me. ⁴¹ We went together with the trumpet-playing priests—Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elieoenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah

— ⁴² and the singers—Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malkijah, Elam, and Ezer. They played and sang loudly under the direction of Jezrahiah the choir director.

⁴³ Many sacrifices were offered on that joyous day, for God had given the people cause for great joy. The women and children also participated in the celebration, and the joy of the people of Jerusalem could be heard far away.

⁴⁴ On that day men were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms for the offerings, the first part of the harvest, and the tithes. They were responsible to collect from the fields outside the towns the portions required by the Law for the priests and Levites. For all the people of Judah took joy in the priests and Levites and their work. ⁴⁵ They performed the service of their God and the service of purification, as commanded by David and his son Solomon, and so did the singers and the gatekeepers. ⁴⁶ The custom of having choir directors to lead the choirs in hymns of praise and thanksgiving to God began long ago in the days of David and Asaph. ⁴⁷ So now, in the days of Zerubbabel and of Nehemiah, all Israel brought a daily supply of food for the singers, the gatekeepers, and the Levites. The Levites, in turn, gave a portion of what they received to the priests, the descendants of Aaron.

Cross references:

A) Nehemiah 11:1 : [1 Chr. 9:3]
 B) Nehemiah 11:1 : ch. 10:34
 C) Nehemiah 11:1 : ver. 18; Isa. 48:2; 52:1; Matt. 4:5; 27:53
 D) Nehemiah 11:2 : [Judg. 5:9; 2 Chr. 17:16]
 E) Nehemiah 11:3 : For ver. 3-19, see 1 Chr. 9:2-34
 F) Nehemiah 11:3 : ver. 20
 G) Nehemiah 11:3 : Ezra 2:43
 H) Nehemiah 11:3 : Ezra 2:55
 I) Nehemiah 11:4 : [Gen. 38:29]
 J) Nehemiah 11:16 : Ezra 8:33
 K) Nehemiah 11:16 : 1 Chr. 26:29
 L) Nehemiah 11:17 : ch. 12:8, 24
 M) Nehemiah 11:18 : See ver. 1
 N) Nehemiah 11:20 : ver. 3
 O) Nehemiah 11:21 : ch. 3:26
 P) Nehemiah 11:23 : Ezra 6:8, 9; 7:20
 Q) Nehemiah 11:23 : ch. 12:47; 2 Chr. 31:16
 R) Nehemiah 11:25 : Josh. 14:15; 21:11
 S) Nehemiah 11:30 : See Josh. 15:8
 T) Nehemiah 11:35 : ch. 6:2; 1 Chr. 8:12
 U) Nehemiah 12:1 : Ezra 2:1, 2
 V) Nehemiah 12:1 : ver. 47; See 1 Chr. 3:19

W) Nehemiah 12:1 : See Ezra 3:2
 X) Nehemiah 12:1 : For ver. 1-7, see ver. 12-21; ch. 10:2-8
 Y) Nehemiah 12:8 : ver. 24; ch. 11:17; [2 Chr. 5:13]
 Z) Nehemiah 12:9 : [ver. 24]
 AA) Nehemiah 12:12 : ver. 26
 AB) Nehemiah 12:23 : See 1 Chr. 9:14-16
 AC) Nehemiah 12:24 : ch. 10:9; Ezra 2:40
 AD) Nehemiah 12:24 : ch. 11:17; [2 Chr. 5:13]
 AE) Nehemiah 12:24 : See 1 Chr. 25
 AF) Nehemiah 12:24 : ver. 36
 AG) Nehemiah 12:24 : [ver. 9; Ezra 3:11]
 AH) Nehemiah 12:25 : [1 Chr. 26:15]
 AI) Nehemiah 12:26 : ch. 8:9
 AJ) Nehemiah 12:26 : ch. 8:9
 AK) Nehemiah 12:27 : See Num. 7:10
 AL) Nehemiah 12:27 : See 1 Chr. 15:16
 AM) Nehemiah 12:30 : ch. 13:22, 30
 AN) Nehemiah 12:31 : [ver. 38]
 AO) Nehemiah 12:31 : ch. 2:13; 3:13
 AP) Nehemiah 12:35 : See 1 Chr. 15:24
 AQ) Nehemiah 12:36 : 1 Chr. 23:5
 AR) Nehemiah 12:36 : ver. 24

AS) Nehemiah 12:37 : ch. 2:14; 3:15
 AT) Nehemiah 12:37 : ch. 3:15
 AU) Nehemiah 12:37 : ch. 3:26; 8:1, 3, 16
 AV) Nehemiah 12:38 : [ver. 31]
 AW) Nehemiah 12:38 : ch. 3:11
 AX) Nehemiah 12:38 : ch. 3:8
 AY) Nehemiah 12:39 : See ch. 8:16
 AZ) Nehemiah 12:39 : ch. 3:6
 BA) Nehemiah 12:39 : See ch. 3:3
 BB) Nehemiah 12:39 : ch. 3:1
 BC) Nehemiah 12:39 : ch. 3:1
 BD) Nehemiah 12:39 : See ch. 3:1
 BE) Nehemiah 12:39 : See ch. 3:25
 BF) Nehemiah 12:41 : See 1 Chr. 15:24
 BG) Nehemiah 12:44 : ch. 13:5, 12, 13; [2 Chr. 31:11, 12]
 BH) Nehemiah 12:45 : See 1 Chr. 25; 26
 BI) Nehemiah 12:46 : 1 Chr. 25:1; 2 Chr. 29:30
 BJ) Nehemiah 12:47 : ch. 11:23; 2 Chr. 31:16
 BK) Nehemiah 12:47 : Num. 18:21, 24
 BL) Nehemiah 12:47 : See Num. 18:26-28

WEEK 7
SOLITUDE: JOURNALING

WEEK 7

OPTIONAL: CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

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- ☐ 2 Chronicles 10
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 11
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 12
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OPTIONAL: THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

PART 2 - Christ, Redemption, Grace

Q34: Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behaviour others may be won to Christ.

WEEK 7
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WEEK 7

GROUP ACCOUNTABILITY & PRAYER (30-45 MINUTES)

Group Members' Accountability Items (& Other Items) to Pray For:

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WEEK 8

SOLITUDE: STUDYING OF & MEDITATING ON NEHEMIAH 13

English Standard Version (ESV)

13 On that day (A)they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people. And in it was found written (B)that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of God, ² for they did not meet the people of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them—yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. ³ As soon as the people heard the law, (C)they separated from Israel all (D)those of foreign descent.

⁴ Now before this, (E)Eliashib the priest, who (F)was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, and who was related to (G)Tobiah, ⁵ prepared for Tobiah a large chamber where they had previously put the grain offering, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes of grain, wine, and oil, (H)which were given by commandment to the Levites, singers, and gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests.

⁶ While this was taking place, I was not in Jerusalem, for (I)in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes (J)king of Babylon I went to the king. And after some time I asked leave of the king ⁷ and came to Jerusalem, and I then discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, (K)preparing for him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. ⁸ And I was very angry, and I threw all the household furniture of Tobiah out of the chamber. ⁹ Then I gave orders, and they (L)cleansed the chambers, and I brought back there the vessels of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense.

¹⁰ I also found out that (M)the portions of the Levites had not been given to them, so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled each (N)to his field. ¹¹ (O)So I confronted the officials and said, (P)“Why is the house of God forsaken?” And I gathered them together and set them in their stations.

¹² Then all Judah brought (Q)the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses. ¹³ And (R)I appointed as treasurers over the storehouses Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and as their assistant Hanan the son of Zaccur, son of Mattaniah, (S)for they were considered

New Living Translation (NLT)

13 On that same day, as the Book of Moses was being read to the people, the passage was found that said no Ammonite or Moabite should ever be permitted to enter the assembly of God. ² For they had not provided the Israelites with food and water in the wilderness. Instead, they hired Balaam to curse them, though our God turned the curse into a blessing. ³ When this passage of the Law was read, all those of foreign descent were immediately excluded from the assembly.

⁴ Before this had happened, Eliashib the priest, who had been appointed as supervisor of the storerooms of the Temple of our God and who was also a relative of Tobiah, ⁵ had converted a large storage room and placed it at Tobiah’s disposal. The room had previously been used for storing the grain offerings, the frankincense, various articles for the Temple, and the tithes of grain, new wine, and olive oil (which were prescribed for the Levites, the singers, and the gatekeepers), as well as the offerings for the priests.

⁶ I was not in Jerusalem at that time, for I had returned to King Artaxerxes of Babylon in the thirty-second year of his reign, though I later asked his permission to return. ⁷ When I arrived back in Jerusalem, I learned about Eliashib’s evil deed in providing Tobiah with a room in the courtyards of the Temple of God. ⁸ I became very upset and threw all of Tobiah’s belongings out of the room. ⁹ Then I demanded that the rooms be purified, and I brought back the articles for God’s Temple, the grain offerings, and the frankincense.

¹⁰ I also discovered that the Levites had not been given their prescribed portions of food, so they and the singers who were to conduct the worship services had all returned to work their fields. ¹¹ I immediately confronted the leaders and demanded, “Why has the Temple of God been neglected?” Then I called all the Levites back again and restored them to their proper duties. ¹² And once more all the people of Judah

reliable, and their duty was to distribute to their brothers. ¹⁴ (T)Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God and for his service.

¹⁵ In those days I saw in Judah people treading winepresses (U)on the Sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on donkeys, and also wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, (V)which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And (W)I warned them on the day when they sold food.

¹⁶ Tyrians also, who lived in the city, brought in fish and all kinds of goods and sold them on the Sabbath to the people of Judah, in Jerusalem itself! ¹⁷ (X)Then I confronted the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this evil thing that you are doing, (Y)profaning the Sabbath day? ¹⁸ (Z)Did not your fathers act in this way, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Now you are bringing more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath."

¹⁹ As soon as it (AA)began to grow dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and gave orders that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. And I stationed some of my servants at the gates, that no load might be brought in on the Sabbath day. ²⁰ Then the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice. ²¹ (AB)But I warned them and said to them, "Why do you lodge outside the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you." From that time on they did not come on the Sabbath.

²² Then I commanded the Levites (AC)that they should purify themselves and come and guard the gates, to keep the Sabbath day holy. (AD)Remember this also in my favor, O my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your steadfast love.

²³ In those days also I saw the Jews (AE)who had married women (AF)of Ashdod, (AG)Ammon, and (AH)Moab. ²⁴ And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and they could not speak the language of Judah, but only the language of each people. ²⁵ (AI)And I confronted them and cursed them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair. (AJ)And I made them take an oath in the name of

began bringing their tithes of grain, new wine, and olive oil to the Temple storerooms.

¹³ I assigned supervisors for the storerooms: Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah, one of the Levites. And I appointed Hanan son of Zaccur and grandson of Mattaniah as their assistant. These men had an excellent reputation, and it was their job to make honest distributions to their fellow Levites.

¹⁴ Remember this good deed, O my God, and do not forget all that I have faithfully done for the Temple of my God and its services.

¹⁵ In those days I saw men of Judah treading out their winepresses on the Sabbath. They were also bringing in grain, loading it on donkeys, and bringing their wine, grapes, figs, and all sorts of produce to Jerusalem to sell on the Sabbath. So I rebuked them for selling their produce on that day. ¹⁶ Some men from Tyre, who lived in Jerusalem, were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise. They were selling it on the Sabbath to the people of Judah—and in Jerusalem at that!

¹⁷ So I confronted the nobles of Judah. "Why are you profaning the Sabbath in this evil way?" I asked.

¹⁸ "Wasn't it just this sort of thing that your ancestors did that caused our God to bring all this trouble upon us and our city? Now you are bringing even more wrath upon Israel by permitting the Sabbath to be desecrated in this way!"

¹⁹ Then I commanded that the gates of Jerusalem should be shut as darkness fell every Friday evening, not to be opened until the Sabbath ended. I sent some of my own servants to guard the gates so that no merchandise could be brought in on the Sabbath day. ²⁰ The merchants and tradesmen with a variety of wares camped outside Jerusalem once or twice.

²¹ But I spoke sharply to them and said, "What are you doing out here, camping around the wall? If you do this again, I will arrest you!" And that was the last time they came on the Sabbath. ²² Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves and to guard the gates in order to preserve the holiness of the Sabbath.

God, saying, "You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves. ²⁶ (AK)Did not Solomon king of Israel sin on account of such women? (AL)Among the many nations there was no king like him, and he was (AM)beloved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless, foreign women made even him to sin. ²⁷ Shall we then listen to you and do all this great evil and (AN)act treacherously against our God by marrying foreign women?"

²⁸ And one of the sons of (AO)Jehoiada, the son of (AP)Eliashib the high priest, was the son-in-law of (AQ)Sanballat the Horonite. Therefore I chased him from me. ²⁹ (AR)Remember them, O my God, because they have desecrated the priesthood (AS)and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites.

³⁰ (AT)Thus I cleansed them from everything foreign, and I established the duties of the priests and Levites, each in his work; ³¹ and I provided (AU)for the wood offering (AV)at appointed times, and for the firstfruits. (AW)Remember me, O my God, for good.

Remember this good deed also, O my God! Have compassion on me according to your great and unfailling love.

²³ About the same time I realized that some of the men of Judah had married women from Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. ²⁴ Furthermore, half their children spoke the language of Ashdod or of some other people and could not speak the language of Judah at all. ²⁵ So I confronted them and called down curses on them. I beat some of them and pulled out their hair. I made them swear in the name of God that they would not let their children intermarry with the pagan people of the land.

²⁶ "Wasn't this exactly what led King Solomon of Israel into sin?" I demanded. "There was no king from any nation who could compare to him, and God loved him and made him king over all Israel. But even he was led into sin by his foreign wives. ²⁷ How could you even think of committing this sinful deed and acting unfaithfully toward God by marrying foreign women?"

²⁸ One of the sons of Joiada son of Eliashib the high priest had married a daughter of Sanballat the Horonite, so I banished him from my presence.

²⁹ Remember them, O my God, for they have defiled the priesthood and the solemn vows of the priests and Levites.

³⁰ So I purged out everything foreign and assigned tasks to the priests and Levites, making certain that each knew his work. ³¹ I also made sure that the supply of wood for the altar and the first portions of the harvest were brought at the proper times.

Remember this in my favour, O my God.

Cross references:

A) Nehemiah 13:1 : ch. 8:3, 8, 9, 18; 9:3; [Deut. 31:11, 12; 2 Kgs. 23:2]
 B) Nehemiah 13:1 : See Deut. 23:3-5
 C) Nehemiah 13:3 : See ch. 9:2
 D) Nehemiah 13:3 : [Ex. 12:38; Num. 11:4]
 E) Nehemiah 13:4 : ver. 28; ch. 3:1
 F) Nehemiah 13:4 : [ch. 12:44]
 G) Nehemiah 13:4 : ch. 2:10
 H) Nehemiah 13:5 : Num. 18:21, 24
 I) Nehemiah 13:6 : ch. 5:14
 J) Nehemiah 13:6 : Ezra 6:22
 K) Nehemiah 13:7 : ver. 5
 L) Nehemiah 13:9 : 2 Chr. 29:15, 16, 18
 M) Nehemiah 13:10 : 2 Chr. 31:4; [Mal. 3:8]
 N) Nehemiah 13:10 : ch. 12:28, 29
 O) Nehemiah 13:11 : ver. 17, 25
 P) Nehemiah 13:11 : [ch. 10:39]

Q) Nehemiah 13:12 : [ch. 10:38, 39; 12:44]
 R) Nehemiah 13:13 : [2 Chr. 31:12, 13]
 S) Nehemiah 13:13 : ch. 7:2; [1 Cor. 4:2]
 T) Nehemiah 13:14 : ver. 22, 31; ch. 5:19
 U) Nehemiah 13:15 : [Ex. 20:10]
 V) Nehemiah 13:15 : See ch. 10:31
 W) Nehemiah 13:15 : ver. 21
 X) Nehemiah 13:17 : ver. 11
 Y) Nehemiah 13:17 : [Matt. 12:5]
 Z) Nehemiah 13:18 : See Jer. 17:19-23
 AA) Nehemiah 13:19 : Lev. 23:32
 AB) Nehemiah 13:21 : ver. 15
 AC) Nehemiah 13:22 : ch. 12:30
 AD) Nehemiah 13:22 : [ver. 14, 31]
 AE) Nehemiah 13:23 : Ezra 9:2; 10:10
 AF) Nehemiah 13:23 : [ch. 4:7]
 AG) Nehemiah 13:23 : [ver. 1; Ezra 9:1]

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 AI) Nehemiah 13:25 : [See ver. 17 above]; ver. 11
 AJ) Nehemiah 13:25 : Ezra 10:5; [ch. 10:29, 30]
 AK) Nehemiah 13:26 : See 1 Kgs. 11:1-8
 AL) Nehemiah 13:26 : 1 Kgs. 3:13; 2 Chr. 1:12
 AM) Nehemiah 13:26 : [2 Sam. 12:24]
 AN) Nehemiah 13:27 : Ezra 10:2
 AO) Nehemiah 13:28 : ch. 12:10, 11, 22
 AP) Nehemiah 13:28 : ver. 4, 7; ch. 3:1; 13:4, 7
 AQ) Nehemiah 13:28 : ch. 2:10, 19
 AR) Nehemiah 13:29 : [ch. 6:14]
 AS) Nehemiah 13:29 : Mal. 2:4
 AT) Nehemiah 13:30 : ch. 10:30
 AU) Nehemiah 13:31 : ch. 10:34
 AV) Nehemiah 13:31 : Ezra 10:14
 AW) Nehemiah 13:31 : ver. 14, 22

WEEK 8
SOLITUDE: JOURNALING

WEEK 8

OPTIONAL: CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

- ☐ 2 Chronicles 15
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 16
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 17
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 18
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 19
- ☐ 2 Chronicles 20

OPTIONAL: JOURNALING FOR CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF GOD'S WORD

OPTIONAL: THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

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