



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE
"A Portrait of True Worship"
Nehemiah 11-12

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon.

SERMON NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read *Nehemiah 11:1-4*. Seth said, "When the people of God willingly put God's agenda over their own, true worship will emerge." How did the people of God show their willingness to set their agenda aside to advance God's agenda?
- 2) Read *Nehemiah 11:5-9*. People from different tribes began to move back into Jerusalem to rebuild the city. Despite their differences, they had a common goal to repopulate the city and to maintain the true worship of God. What differences do we need to set aside with other believers, and how can we unite with them in these difficult times?
- 3) Nikolaus Zizendorf said, "Preach the gospel, die, and be forgotten." *Nehemiah 11 and 12* has a list of names of people we don't know much about. Although we don't know much about them, God used them to preach the gospel. How does the Zizendorf quote impact you?
- 4) Read *Acts 13:36-37*. What purpose does God have for you to do in this generation? How does *verse 37* point to the main goal in our lives?
- 5) Seth said, "When the people of God collectively serve to bring God glory and not themselves, true worship will emerge." Read *Nehemiah 11 and 12:1-26*. How did the people of God collectively bring their gifts to serve the Lord?
- 6) Read *Nehemiah 12:27-47*. This is a portrait of true worship. What are some things that stand out to you? What would this picture look like today?

FOR YOUR FAMILY

- 1) Memorize *Nehemiah 12:43* – *"And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away."*
- 2) Read *Nehemiah 11:1-9*. Discuss with your family how important it is to willingly put God's agenda above your own. Talk with each of your children about examples of what that may look like in their own life.
- 3) Read *Nehemiah 12:31, 38-43*. Talk with your family about how this was a true portrait of what worshipping God is all about. Brainstorm ideas of how this kind of worship could take place today in our churches.