



## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

November 22, 2020

Nehemiah 13:15-31

**NEHEMIAH**  
FROM RESTORATION TO REVIVAL

- 1) Reread Nehemiah 13:15-22 and then read Exodus 20:8-11. Why was Nehemiah so upset about the people's activities on the Sabbath? Did this really matter? What did this activity indicate about their attitude towards God's commandment about the Sabbath day in the Exodus passage?
- 2) Read Matthew 21:12-13 and then John 2:13-16. The Sabbath was to be a **day** for worship (see the Exodus passage in question 1) and the Temple was to be a **place** for worship. Why was Jesus so angry? Can you see any comparisons between the people's willingness to "disrespect" the Sabbath and their disrespect of the Temple?
- 3) Reread Nehemiah 13:23-31. Would you say Nehemiah's reaction was extreme? Why or why not? Why do you think Nehemiah had such a strong reaction to this situation?
- 4) Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. In this letter from Paul to the Corinthian church, what does it mean to be "yoked" to unbelievers and why does Paul warn us about it? What is the difference between loving and caring for those who don't share our faith and being "yoked" to them? How should we apply this to our lives today?

