



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ Nehemiah 7:1-7

DISCUSS the passage together.

1/ It took 100 years to complete this building project. Why is it significant that Nehemiah appoints worship leaders in v. 1 - i.e. right away?

2/ Also, consider the qualifications that Nehemiah has for leadership in v. 2. How does that strike you?

3/ Spend some time lingering on v. 5 - how does the witness of Nehemiah's personal relationship with God challenge you or encourage you?

4/ The remainder of this passage is a "cut and paste" of Ezra 2. Derek Kidner says this is because: "his main concern was to get his people rightly oriented - sure of both their inheritance and the calling." How does the "Greater Nehemiah" Jesus make sure of our inheritance and calling?

5/ Read these passages as a group and discuss how they give you assurance

Ephesians 2:10 - we are "created in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 2:20 - "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

Colossians 2:12 - "having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith..."

Romans 6:3 - "we have been united with him..."

Ephesians 2:6 - the Lord "raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 4:19 - "Christ is formed in you!"

Ephesians 3:17 - "Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."

1 Cor 6:15 - "your bodies are members of Christ"

2 Cor 13:5 - "do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?"

6/ What is one thing that this passage is calling you to believe or act on this week?

APPLY the text to your life (these questions from Redeemer might help).

1/ How can I praise him?

2/ How can I confess my sins on the basis of this text?

3/ If this is really true, what wrong behavior, what harmful emotions or false attitudes result in me when I forget this?

4/ What should I be aspiring to on the basis of this text?

5/ God, why are you telling me this today?

PRAY together for the things you just shared, and also for anything else in your life.