

Message Notes

March 11, 2012

Message: Living into restoration

Key Passage: Nehemiah 7

My Notes :

How I will apply this message to my life :

Prayer Items for this week :

Study Guide for Individuals and Small Groups

Nehemiah Helps the Poor – [Nehemiah 7](#)

Open It

What do you think are the most important attributes in a good leader?
How does it feel to finish a project that no one thought you could finish?
What insights or help for your own life have you learned from parents, grandparents, or other ancestors?

Explore It

What happened after the walls of Jerusalem had been completed? ([7:1-2](#))
How did Nehemiah choose the men to put in charge over Jerusalem? ([7:2](#))
How is Hananiah described? ([7:2](#))
What extra precaution did Nehemiah take to insure the safety of the city? ([7:2-3](#))
What specific instructions did Nehemiah give to the men in charge of Jerusalem ([7:3](#))
How is the city of Jerusalem described? ([7:4](#))
Why was it important for the people to prove they were Israelites? ([7:4-73](#))
What motivated Nehemiah to organize the genealogical record of the Israelites? ([7:5](#))
What happened to some of the priests who could not find their family records? Why? ([7:64-65](#))

Get It

In light of Nehemiah's example, what criteria should we follow in choosing leaders?
How should our criteria for choosing leaders be different from the world's?
How can we develop integrity so that God can use us as leaders?
Why is it important for us to choose church leaders (and other spiritual leaders) carefully?
What role can you play in assuring the careful selection of leaders in your church?

Apply It

How can you focus on following God's leading this week?
What is one way you can lead by example?