

**Key Passage: Nehemiah 11-12:26**

**My Notes:**

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**How I will apply this message to my life:**

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**Prayer Items for this week:**

# **Study Guide for Individuals and Small Groups**

## **[Nehemiah 11:1-12:26](#)**

### **Open It**

Have you ever been in a place that made you uncomfortable?

### **Explore It**

In this chapter people were needed to move into Jerusalem. Why?

Who were some particular people or types of people mentioned in this passage?

What unique places or tasks were they called to? Why?

The people of Judah and Benjamin who lived in Jerusalem are listed first (11:4–9). These two tribes composed the kingdom of Judah after the nation divided (1 Kings 11–12). “Valiant men” (Neh. 11:6) or “mighty men” (v. 14) can mean, “brave fighting men” or “wealthy men of substance,” such as Boaz (Ruth 2:1). Why do you think the men in this passage are referred to as mighty men?

The priests, Levites, and temple workers are named next (Neh. 11:10–24). God had set aside special cities for them (Josh. 21), so they could have legitimately lived outside Jerusalem. What did they choose instead? Why do you think this is?

### **Get It**

When has God asked you to think “outside your box”?