

**Home Group Notes**  
**Week of May 12, 2024**  
**Nehemiah 5**



**DO YOU REMEMBER A TIME WHEN . . .**

someone sacrificially helped you by sharing something of theirs? How did it affect you?

**GOD IS SPEAKING TO US FROM HIS WORD**

In the previous chapter, Nehemiah was faced with opposition from the governors on all four sides. They ridiculed, threatened, and plotted to stop the workers from building the wall. The leaders decided to pray, trust God, and get back to work.

In chapter five, Nehemiah and his associates encountered new problems from ‘the inside.’

What were the complaints from people? (1-5)

What was Nehemiah’s emotional response to the complaints? (6-7)

What did the leadership decide to do about the situation? (7)

What had Nehemiah and others done to avoid this problem? How had the people exacerbated the problem? (8)

What did Nehemiah name as his primary guiding concern in verses 9, 13, 15, and 19?

What did Nehemiah require of the people and how did they respond? (10-13)

How did Nehemiah model the things that he required of the people? (14-19)

Read through this brief sampler of God's instructions about caring for one another. What do we learn from each passage?

Proverbs 19:17; 22:9

Luke 3:10-11; 6:35-38

Acts 2:42-47; 4:32

Romans 12:13

Ephesians 4:28

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Hebrews 13:16

### **APPLY IT THIS WEEK**

It sounds like a 'nice' thing to do when we read about sharing in Scripture. How might we apply this in our everyday lives? Has God put people in your world with whom you could share and help them in their needs? Is it time to reevaluate how God wants you to use the resources He has entrusted to you?

### **DISCUSS TOGETHER**

Nehemiah believed that "the fear of God" should be our guiding principle in life. What does this mean and how is this applicable to today?

Which of the passages about how to care for one another stands out to you? Why?

How are our Lord's words and the other commands in Scripture to share and invest our goods at odds with our independent American thinking? What might this 'sharing lifestyle' look like in our lives? (See Luke 6:35-38 and Hebrews 13:16)

What are some very real ways that we can sacrificially share with others inside our church family? Outside of our church family?

### **PLEASE PRAY**

- GIVE THANKS. In the last few weeks, God has unified us in prayer, worship, and service, confirmed Doug Baker as our Lead Pastor, encouraged our "Light and Power" family, and reminded us that He is working in our worlds. Let's praise Him together.
- For God to provide for our families that desire for their middle and high school students to attend camp where they can hear from God
- For our friends who are in need of companionship, physical help, and encouragement
- For our summer teams needed in Kid's Ministry