

# RISE UP & BUILD

A SERIES ON THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 11

WELCOME.

WORSHIP.

**Sing:** GOOD GRACE, GOOD GOD

WORD.

**Introduction:** The people settle in Jerusalem, with lists of priests, Levites, and other inhabitants recorded. Nehemiah welcomes all who want to live in Jerusalem and live under the covenant relationship with God.

**Scripture: Nehemiah 11**

The Sunday sermon outline:

1. **Being part of God's community means willingness to live where God plants you.**
2. **Being part of God's community means doing your part in building it wholeheartedly.**
3. **Being part of God's community means "we" takes priority over "me."**
4. **Being part of God's community means enjoying His presence and favor.**

1. Read Nehemiah 11:1–2. In your own words, describe what is happening in this passage. For many people, moving into Jerusalem will require sacrificing agricultural income. It will also mean giving up their ancestral inheritance. Why do you think a blessing is associated with willingly offering to live in Jerusalem?

2. Has obedience to God ever cost you something? Has there ever been a time when following Jesus involved the loss of certain freedoms, security, or opportunities?

3. In reference to the previous question, why did you choose to obey God? Was it worth it? Discuss.

4. Who is one person you know who is living all-out for Jesus? From an earthly perspective, what do you think this has cost them? Why do you think they live this way?

5. What part of the sermon stood out for you?

6. One aspect of contemporary Jewish culture is deeply rooted in the Scriptures. Even today, a Jewish person, regardless of their level of spiritual commitment, counts every other Jewish person as family—and sees them as a brother or a sister. Would you say that Christians are the same with their fellow Christians? Why or why not?

7. Biblical community is often regarded as counter cultural? Why do you think is it so?

8. The most important lessons on community can be found in the New Testament books of Acts and the letters of the Apostles. Find and share important verses that teach about Christian community?

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- End by praying for one another and the good works God has given each of you to do.