

RISE UP & BUILD

A SERIES ON THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 12

WELCOME.

WORSHIP.

Sing: PRAISE

WORD.

Introduction: The walls are dedicated with a procession of priests and Levites, celebrating the completion of the project. The work was finished, but the work had only just begun.

Scripture: Nehemiah 12

The Sunday sermon outline:

- 1. The legacy of priesthood (12:1-26).**
 - A. The list of priests who faithfully served God and His people even in exile.
 - B. The unbroken legacy of leading people in worship from David's time (v.24).
- 2. The dedication of the city (12:27-45).**
 - A. Worship began with the purification of everyone involved (27-30).
 - B. The procession was divided into two, each led by Nehemiah and Ezra (27-42)
 - C. A great sacrifice was offered in worship (43).
 - D. Offerings of provision for the Temple were brought in (44-45).
- 3. The restoration of God's people comes to fruition (12:47-47).**

1. What part of the sermon stood out for you?
2. It's interesting how Nehemiah staged the entire event as a worship spectacle. Why is worship such an important part of the life of God's people?
3. What is the spiritual significance of purity in worship in the Old Testament, and is ritual purity still applicable for us in the New Testament?
4. Considering the different aspects of worship in the dedication of the walls, and name what might be their New Testament equivalents.
5. The revival of Israel following the exile reflects the fulfilment of God's promise recorded in Jeremiah 29:11. What do you think are timeless applicable truths from that promise that we can claim for ourselves and our community?
7. Read Nehemiah 12:27–43. Joy pervades this scene. We have seen celebrations in the story before, but not one like this. From everything we have studied so far, why do you think this occasion calls for a joyous celebration?
8. Just as the people's work in Jerusalem set the stage for the coming Messiah, so our work today anticipates Jesus' return. Read Matthew 24:14 and Matthew 28:18–20.
 - What does it look like for you to obey Matthew 28:18–20 in light of Matthew 24:14?
 - What do you sense God asking you to do in obedience to Him, even if it costs you something? What is your role in all of this? Discuss.

WORK.

- Pray specifically for our leaders, and modern Levites (worship leaders/musicians), and everyone involved in our weekend worship experiences. Pray that everyone at Mosaic will make worship their top priority!