

Discussion Guide

Discussion Guides accompany the [weekly message](#).

Opening Activity:

What's something you do (or did) that made you look different—but you knew it was right? (examples: refusing to gossip, praying in public, setting aside Sabbath, giving generously). Obedience can feel awkward—like swimming upstream. In Nehemiah 10, revival shows up in obedience, not just emotion.

Read: Nehemiah 9:38-10:39 (focus on v. 28-39); Deuteronomy 7:1-4; 2 Corinthians 6:14-15; Hebrews 4:1-11; 2 Corinthians 9:7-9

Discussion Questions:

1. Nehemiah 10:28—The people separated from pagan practices. What does healthy separation look like today without being judgmental?
2. Nehemiah 10:30—They committed to marrying someone within the faith to guard their devotion to God. Why are relationships so tied to obedience? How do yours shape faith?
3. Nehemiah 10:31—They recommitted to Sabbath. Why connect rest with obedience? Where do you resist slowing down?
4. Nehemiah 10:35-37—They gave first fruits. How does giving your “first and best” show trust? What blocks joyful giving?
5. Nehemiah 9:38—They wrote their covenant. Why do real revivals show up in changed habits, not just feelings?
6. What past work of God motivates you toward obedience today?
7. What risky area of life could God be calling you to trust Him with?
8. How does generosity reveal revival in someone's heart?
9. How can we keep one another accountable without turning legalistic?

Challenge for the Week:

Pick one act of obedience this week that feels countercultural—protect a Sabbath day, forgive someone, give sacrificially, or share your faith publicly. Close by sharing commitments aloud, pairing up for midweek check-in, and praying for boldness to live as light among unbelievers.