



## Small Group Questions

### Nehemiah 13

**REMINDER:** The purpose of our small groups at Cypress is to learn to love one another. We seek to do this as we: 1. Study the Bible together; 2. Discuss how to put it into practice; 3. Pray together; and 4. Live life together. Please use these questions only as they help you achieve this purpose. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** Read Nehemiah 13. What stood out to you in this passage on Sunday?

2. **Observation – What do you see?**

What four ways had the people in Nehemiah 13 begun to falter? How would you summarize each of the unholy compromises described in the verses below?

- vv.4-9 –
- vv.10-14 –
- vv.15-22 –
- vv.23-29 –

Why were Nehemiah's fierce responses – throwing furniture (v.8), pulling hair (v.25), chasing off (v.28) – *the right responses*? How does Jesus' reaction in John 2:13-17 inform your thinking?

3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**

How could God's people turn away so quickly after they had experienced God so powerfully? As you consider your answer, read Romans 7:12-25.

Read Luke 9:23 and Ephesians 4:20-24. What do these verses tell us about how to combat the *turn-away-from-God-quickly* forces in our lives?

4. **Application – How does this apply?**

How is the Holy Spirit stirring in you after studying Nehemiah 13 this week?

5. **Prayer ...**