



Small Group Questions

Nehemiah 5

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 5. What was your take away from Sunday's sermon on Nehemiah 5?

2. **Observation – What do you see?**

Why was there "a great outcry" in Nehemiah 5:1? What were the five things that were pointed out during the sermon on Sunday from verses 1-7 that caused God's people to cry out?

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

As the efforts for revival continue to gain steam, opportunities arise to bind together in the fight, or to take advantage of one another. In these climactic moments of revival, what can we do to ensure we're building one another up (1 Thess 5:11), being singularly focused on what God is accomplishing, rather than falling victim to selfish ambition and seeking to get a leg up on one another?

Bonus Question: In verse 13 it says that Nehemiah "shook out the fold" of his garment. What did this mean? What strong statement was Nehemiah making with his actions? How did Nehemiah's actions in verses 14-19 show that he wasn't "all talk, no action"?

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

How is the Holy Spirit stirring in you after studying Nehemiah 5? How can you ensure you are putting Hebrews 10:23-25 into practice? Is there something you've said you would do (talk) that you need to follow through on (action)?

5. **Prayer ...**