

October 20th, 2024

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Nehemiah 6-7

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OVERVIEW

- More opposition to the rebuilding. Neh 6
- Nehemiah wisely discerns his character and his call, and he sees through deception (6: 11-12)
- Wall is completed. (6:15-7:3)

SELF REFLECTION:

1. Should someone like me _____?
2. Should someone like me _____?

BIG LIFE QUESTIONS:

- a) How do I discern God's _____?
- b) How can I know God's _____?
- c) How should I understand my _____?
- d) How will I determine my _____?

CENTRAL TRUTH:

- Knowing God's will _____.
- Walking in God's will results in successful _____.

TAKEAWAYS:

- ❖ Recognize your call: _____ after you've prayed.
- ❖ Acknowledge your limits: _____ instead of acting.

Ezra-Nehemiah is about ordinary people doing ordinary things
with the hand of God upon them.

TALK IT OVER

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

What stood out most in the message to you regarding something that you learned, challenged you, or that you disagreed with? And, in what ways can you see these truths being lived out in your relationships and life this week?

How do you feel uniquely created? Don't be shy or embarrassed – express the special ways that God has crafted you.

How have you seen God use your gifts and your experiences?

Where do you feel you could trust God to step out in faith for His service?

Are there any areas where you sense God calling you to act (quit stalling)? Are there any areas where you sense God calling you to wait and pray for now (instead of acting)?

How do you see your current circumstances as an answer to prayer and following God's will 1 year, 3 years, 10 years ago?

Read Proverbs 16:3. How does committing your deeds to the Lord result in better planning?



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3. Should someone like me neglect a responsibility?
4. Should someone like me take on a responsibility?

BIG LIFE QUESTIONS:

- e) How do I discern God's voice?
- f) How can I know God's will?
- g) How should I understand my role?
- h) How will I determine my limits?

CENTRAL TRUTH:

- Knowing God's will requires surrender.
- Walking in God's will results in successful decision-making.

TAKEAWAYS:

- ❖ Recognize your call: Act after you've prayed.
- ❖ Acknowledge your limits: Pray instead of acting.

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