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Build and Defend: Our Spiritual Walls

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Nehemiah 7-10

Overall Theme

We cannot neglect our _____ walls in favor of our _____ walls.

The _____ and _____ of God's Word (Nehemiah 8)

- ✓ The Bible is God's love letter to us. It is the revelation of God, breathed by the Spirit of God, to help us understand the person of God.
- ✓ Happiness is the absence of problems. Joy is the presence of God's peace in spite of our problems.
- ✓ Reverence the truth, develop a hunger for it, and God will do a work in you.

Confession: Getting _____ with God (Nehemiah 9)

- ✓ Take responsibility for your own personal sins and recognize/acknowledge the sins of your family.
- ✓ Do not bother to ask God to deliver you from the mess you are in if you are not willing to repent of the sin that made the mess.
- ✓ Confession and worship go hand in hand.

Signs of _____ (Nehemiah 10)

- ✓ Your spiritual identity should be seen in your everyday life.
- ✓ Giving is a discipline of the faith because our human nature is instinctively greedy and materialistic.
- ✓ Continually look for ways you can give of your time, treasure, and talents.

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What are some ways that you are being intentional about reading God's Word? Is it a priority in your life and home? Do you have a dedicated time and place for daily Bible reading?
3. How is the Word of God making a difference in your life? What have you learned or been convicted of?
4. Read Isaiah 40:8 and Matthew 24:35. What do these verses say about God's Word?
5. Why was confession so important to the Israelites? Why is it so important for us today? In what ways can confession and repentance impact our lives, our families, our church?
6. Why is it important to know that the sins of past generations do not define you? Read John 8:36 and be reminded that, as a believer in Jesus, you are set free.
7. What evidence in your everyday life shows that your identity is in Christ?
8. Read the following verses: John 1:12, John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 1:4, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 5:2, James 1:5, James 1:17. What do these verses say about God's generosity?
9. What are ways that you are being intentional about the giving of your time, treasure, and talents? Are you lacking in any of those areas?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Nehemiah 7-10) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?