

NEHEMIAH



Re: BUILD
Re: NEW
Re: FORM

Re: GROUP

Discussion Guide: "Regarding God's People"

I. THE GENEALOGY OF GOD'S PEOPLE (Nehemiah 7:5-7)

1. Why is it significant that God put the idea of registering the people into Nehemiah's heart rather than Nehemiah coming up with it himself?

(Consider: What does this teach us about leadership, prayer, and following God's guidance?)

2. Why would it have been important to identify who came from the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?

(Consider: How does this relate to God's covenant promises and the roles within the city and temple?)

II. IDENTIFYING GOD'S PEOPLE (Nehemiah 7:7b-69)

3. What do you think it meant to those who heard their family name read aloud?

(Imagine being affirmed as a part of God's covenant people after years in exile.)

4. Why do you think the list is broken down by family, city, and role? What might that teach us about the structure of the people of God?

(Consider: What does that reveal about identity, community, and calling?)

5. How does the data from the Lifeway survey (about when a father leads spiritually) challenge or encourage you personally?

(Reflect on the impact one person can have when they walk faithfully with God.)

6. Can you think of a way your spiritual walk might affect not just your family, but your city or community?

(How might God use your faith to reach beyond your household?)

III. NOT ON THE LIST (Nehemiah 7:61–65)

7. How would it feel to be told you weren't part of God's people because you couldn't prove your lineage?

(Compare this with trying to prove your identity today with lost documentation.)

8. What does this part of the passage teach us about the seriousness of serving in God's presence (especially regarding the priesthood)?

(Consider the importance of being rightly connected and set apart.)

9. How does Ephesians 2 help us understand what Jesus did for us when we were "not on the list"?

(Discuss the contrast between being "strangers and aliens" and now being "fellow citizens" and "members of God's household.")

IV. THE SACRIFICE OF GOD'S PEOPLE (Nehemiah 7:70–73)

10. Why do you think the people were willing to give generously to the work of rebuilding and reestablishing Jerusalem?

(What had changed in their hearts and priorities?)

11. How does giving reflect our commitment to God's mission and our place in His family?

(What are some modern ways we show our commitment through sacrifice?)

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

12. Do you know where you come from spiritually? Can you clearly trace your faith story?

(Who first shared Jesus with you? Have you shared your story with others?)

13. If someone looked at your life today, would they be able to tell you belong to God's people? Why or why not?