

# NEHEMIAH

## WHAT MATTERS MOST

Nehemiah 5:1-19  
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Groups: read Nehemiah 5

What were the problems among the residents of Jerusalem and the surrounding region?  
What toll had building the wall taken on the people and the community?

2 Corinthians 4:8-11. How are Christians supposed to view hardship and opposition? What are the consequences of assuming that following Jesus Christ won't cost us something we see as important?

What are the chronic and acute needs present in our community? What injustices, oppressive systems, or normally invisible hardships suffered by those around us should we be more aware of? How may concern, prayer, and working to make small differences lead to holistic change in our community?

Why are divisions among the people of God so costly? Read Luke 9:49-50. How can you celebrate the faithfulness and success of brothers and sisters in Christ, even where some disagreement is present in secondary matters?

How is Nehemiah's generosity remarkable? Why was it important for him, as a leader, to not contribute to the burden being placed on the people? See verse 15.

Read Mark 9:35 (also John 13:5; Galatians 5:13). What does greatness look like in the Christian life? How can you joyfully set aside your rights to serve others (see Philippians 2:3-4)?