

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: 75th Anniversary

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Memory Verse: Psalm 78:4,6

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonder He has done...so the next generation will know them, even the children yet to be born.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Spiritual renewal is essential for every generation. Invest with us in God's mission.

Read Nehemiah 10:28-39

1. The spiritual renewal in Nehemiah 10 included not just leaders but also "their sons and daughters" (v 28). What does this passage teach us about the role of families and communities in passing down faith? How can we be intentional about investing in the next generation's spiritual growth?
2. Many of the people renewing the covenant were returning from exile, and needed to reconnect with their faith and traditions. How can we help all generations rediscover and embrace biblical truth in a culture that often moves away from it?
3. The people make a public commitment by binding themselves with a curse and an oath to obey the commands of God (v 29). Have you ever made a public commitment to follow God in some way? What was that experience like, and how did it impact you or those around you?
4. To protect themselves from the influence of pagan nations, the Israelites committed to not intermarry with surrounding nations (v 30). Why is it important for believers to share a foundation of faith in marriage? If you are



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married, what are some practical ways you and your spouse can encourage each other in faith? If you are single and looking for a spouse, what qualities should you look for that will help you grow spiritually?

5. Beyond marriage, the principle of not intermarrying speaks to all close relationships that shape our faith. How do our family, friends, and co-workers affect our walk with God? How can we be intentional about relationships that strengthen rather than weaken our faith?
6. The people promised to keep the Sabbath, even when it meant economic loss (v 31). In today's fast-paced world, why is rest so difficult to prioritize? What do you tend to prioritize above rest? How can we reclaim the Sabbath as a time of worship, renewal, and trust in God's provision?
7. The Israelites committed to giving their "firstfruits" to God (v 35), meaning they gave to Him first, not last. How does giving our best to God, whether in time, resources, or talents, shape our hearts and deepen our faith? How have you seen generosity within a church family strengthen relationships and build God's kingdom?
8. The Israelites pledged to live differently from the surrounding nations in marriage, lifestyle and finances. In what ways are Christians today called to live differently from the culture around them? What challenges do you face in maintaining distinct values while living in a culture that often opposes them? How can we navigate these challenges while still engaging with the world around us?
9. The people are unified in saying, "We will not neglect the house of our God" (v 39). In what ways do people today sometimes neglect God's work? How can we actively participate in and support what God is doing in the church and our city?

Reach out to anyone who couldn't participate with your Small Group and make a personal connection with them this coming week (call, text, email, or personal face-to-face conversation.) Let them know they were missed, and you look forward to seeing them next time.



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