



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## NEHEMIAH 7 – Principles of Spiritual Leadership

### GETTING STARTED

Describe both a positive and negative example of leadership? Why was it positive or negative?  
What are the consequences of good or bad leadership?

### QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?  
What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

Respond to the quote...

Leadership is the capacity to inspire and motivate; to persuade people willingly to endure hardships, usually prolonged, and incur dangers, usually acute, that if left to themselves they would do their utmost to avoid.

How have you seen this displayed in Nehemiah's leadership throughout the book?

In Nehemiah 7, Dave identified principles of spiritual leadership in Nehemiah...spiritual leaders: 1. Empower others to serve, 2. Make room for others to experience God's provision, 3. Are motivated by seeing and serving people, and mobilize generosity.

1. Of these principles, which area do you excel and which area do you need growth? Why?
2. In verses 1-2, Nehemiah appoints and gives responsibility to people. What has God appointed you to lead, protect, and take responsibility for?
3. How is the principle applicable to the church? To our church?
4. How is this principle related to 1 Peter 2:9-10 and the priesthood of all believers, specifically considering the appoint of the Levite priests in the Old Testament?
5. How can a church have a building, but not make room for others? How does God call us to make room for others as ambassadors of the good news of Jesus?
6. Look over verses 8-60 and take note of the names and numbers of people included to invite...  
What do you notice? Why does Nehemiah take great pains to make this list?  
How does good leadership in your life notice people. What does this list say about Nehemiah's concerns and heart? How can we sometimes make programs, procedures, plans, organization more important than people we serve?
7. Read Matthews 11:18-30... Why was Jesus responding to? Why did he judge the towns where He was ministering too? How is this connected with seeing and serving people? Why were people weary and heaven laden?
8. Why is generosity such an important theme in Nehemiah? Why is it important for a church?
9. What is God calling you lead, to change, to re-build?

## APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

What do you need to stop, start or do differently as a result of reading this passage?

How can we pray for each other?