

Lesson 10: Walls That Divide Nehemiah

1. Read Nehemiah. Use your outlines to make notes and comments for class discussions.
2. Read Lesson 10 in your books.
3. Answer questions in Dimension 1.
4. Consider the following questions:
 - a. Why is Nehemiah so concerned about Jerusalem?
 - b. Nehemiah 2:11 tells us that Nehemiah set out to inspect the walls after having stayed in Jerusalem for three days. What do you think Nehemiah was doing during those three days?
 - c. In Nehemiah 2, what are the charges that Nehemiah's opponents bring against him? How does he respond?
 - d. In Nehemiah 3, Nehemiah's name is conspicuous by its absence. What do you suppose Nehemiah was doing while all the others were "doing the work?"
 - e. What attitudes and actions from Nehemiah's team of wall-builders fit Christians who want to build the church? Which ones should Christians avoid? Which one do you think is primary to all the others? Which one could you demonstrate at home? At work? At church? (See Nehemiah 3)
 - f. What is the "great outcry" in Nehemiah 5:1 all about? What needs are going unmet? What do you suppose brought on the economic crisis? What three groups are most affected? How does this affect their common desire to finish the project?
 - g. In Nehemiah 6, enemies of Jerusalem encouraged the prophets to give false prophecies. How does a Christian distinguish between what is God's will and the words of a false prophet or misguided person?
 - h. How important was the reading of God's Word in your own spiritual renewal? Which had the greater impact on you: Private Bible study or public preaching? Why?
 - i. If you were to write a prayer patterned after Nehemiah 9:5-37, what benchmarks of signposts of God's grace would you include? What is the "great distress" from which you want God to deliver you?