

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

Knowing the Word

Before we jump into applying the Word to our lives, we need to make sure we have a right interpretation of the Word through Holy Spirit-empowered observation and interpretation. Pause to pray and ask God to help us as we look at His Word together.

Look back at **Nehemiah 9** and point out to each other all the times we see God's people being rebellious or disobedient.

What are they committed to doing now as we turn to chapter 10?
(see **Nehemiah 9:38** and **Nehemiah 10:28-29** for the answer)

Based on Biblical history and your own personal experience, do you think they're going to be successful at keeping the covenant and obeying all of God's commandments?

Applying the Word

What are some ways that parents encourage kids to be obedient?

We know that we will not be justified before God through obedience to His law (**Galatians 2:16**).

So what motivates us to obey God as Christians?

After discussing this for a bit, you may want to look to Scripture to see what you missed! What motivation for obedience is found in these?

John 14:15

Ephesians 5:2

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Ephesians 4:32

2 Peter 3:11-12

Hebrews 10:26-27

Hebrews 12:1

Ephesians 2:9-10

1 John 4:11

In Nehemiah 10:28-39, they lay out 3 areas of obedience affected by their covenant relationship with God: Marriage, Time, Money/Materials.

- How did or how will your relationship with God affect who you choose to marry/not marry?
- How does your relationship with God affect how you use time?
- How does your relationship with God affect how you use money and material things?



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We Will Obey Nehemiah 10

NEHEMIAH

COMING BACK AND BUILDING UP

Kids quite naturally disobey their parents.
Likewise, disobeying God comes quite naturally to all of us.

What motivates us to obey?

In Nehemiah 10, we will see that God's covenant faithfulness to His people throughout the generations (which included lots of grace and some discipline) has led them to respond by making a covenant together to obey Him.

SERMON NOTES

Big Idea:

In response to God's covenant faithfulness,
His people make a covenant together to obey Him.

A Certain People Make a Covenant Together

Nehemiah 10:1-27 (and Nehemiah 9:38)

A Covenant to Obey God Together

Nehemiah 10:28-39

3 Key Areas of Obedience:

Marriage (v.30)

Time (v.31)

Money/Materials (vv.32-39)

Application: New Covenant Obedience

Read and Pray Ahead
Deuteronomy 6:4-11

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Knowing Each Other

For Life Groups Starting this Week

It's been a long time since our life groups were together. Perhaps your group has some new people. One of the key components of our life groups is connection with one another as family in Christ. We need each other! Take some extra time tonight to get to know one other.

Leaders, feel free to come up with your own corny question or cheesy game to help your group get to know each other (but be nice to the new people!)

Now let's dig a bit deeper...

Why are small gatherings like a life group important for you?

The Last 10 months

3: Describe the last 10 months for you in 3 words.

2: What were 2 good gifts from God to you in that time?

1: What was 1 thing you struggled with in that time?

How have you seen God at work in you in the past months?

For Life Groups Meeting for a 2nd Time

What's something you're thankful for from this past week?

Were you generally obedient as a child?

What often lured you into disobedience?

What drew you to obedience?

Pray for One Another