

GREAT LIVING....God's Way

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Introduction: Nehemiah 11

Four Great Counter Cultural Traits to Emulate

1. Move out of your _____ .

Are you willing to leave your comfort zone for the sake of the kingdom?
Witnessing may be out of your comfort zone.

2. Commit to _____ .

Nehemiah 10:31, 33
Ezra 9:2

3. _____ for ministry.

Three different groups of people:

- a. Those with _____ gifts (verse 1, 3)
- b. Those with _____ gifts. (Chapter 11:9)
- c. Those with _____ gifts. (verse 16)

4. _____ God in _____ .

Nehemiah 11:17, 22

Guidelines for Great Worship – Nehemiah 12: 24, 27-47.

- a. The _____ of worship
Celebration is the primary aspect of worship.
Thanksgiving is a way of marveling at God's generosity.
Dedication is surrendering our will to the Will of God.
- b. The _____ of worship. (Nehemiah 8:12, 17, 27, 35, 41)
- c. The _____ of worship. (verses 31-39)

Worship on the Walls

It was important for the people to see and touch the walls – God is faithful.

The people were bearing witness to the watching world that God had done

His work and He alone should be glorified.

It was a symbolic act by which they stepped out in faith to claim God's blessing.

- d. The _____ of worship. (verse 47)

Conclusion:

Life Group Study Questions

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If you need to sign up for a Life Group, please call Pastor Fay at 330-2104.

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Connecting with Friends:

1. Discuss what your idea of "great living" was as a child.
2. Talk about one of your strengths; I'm good at... or I'm comfortable doing...

Growing through God's Word:

1. Read Nehemiah 11 and 12 this week.
2. Are you willing to leave your comfort zone for the sake of the kingdom? What is God asking you to do that may stretch you?
3. How are you pursuing holiness...."without which no one will see the Lord"?
4. The teaching pastor listed three groups of people in Nehemiah Chapter 11: those with leadership gifts, those with administrative gifts, those with serving gifts. What gifts are most prominent in your life? What gifts are being developed?
5. How are you doing in your worship life? Is there anything you are doing in the Lenten season that is enhancing your worship life? Explain.

Caring for one another in prayer:

Pray for the Heaven's Gates and Hell's flames outreach. Especially pray for the "word" to start getting out about the drama – April 12-14, 2009. Who did you invite this past week? Tell your group about your adventures. Who will you invited this week?

I will invite: _____.

Pray for friends, relatives, associates and neighbors to come to Christ.

Life Group Schedule: Regular meetings: week of March 22 and March 29.

Begin again week of April 19 through the week of May 17.