

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Nehemiah 13:1-14

1. We cannot **NEGLECT** the **WORD** of **GOD**. (vv.1-3; Deuteronomy 23:3-6, 32:18; Psalm 119:16; Proverbs 1:25, 4:20-22, 6:10-11, 8:33; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 2:1, 4:12-13, 12:1-2; James 1:22-24; 1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 3:16)
2. We cannot **COMPROMISE** with the **WORLD**. (vv.4-9; Matthew 6:24; Romans 12:2; 1 John 2:15; Colossians 3:2; 1 Corinthians 15:33; James 4:4; Isaiah 5:20)
3. We cannot fail to **CLEANSE** and **RESTORE** the 'CHAMBERS' in our life, family, and fellowship. (vv.8-9; Psalm 51:1-4; Matthew 3:8, 7:3-5; Mark 11:15-17; 1 John 1:9, 3:4-9; Hebrews 10:26; Romans 8:7)
4. We cannot **FORSAKE** supporting Kingdom work and the ministry of the **CHURCH**. (vv.10-13; Nehemiah 10:39; Matthew 6:33; Mark 10:45; Ephesians 4:11-12; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Hebrews 10:24-25, 13:16; 1 Peter 4:11)
5. Whatever we do, let it be done to **SERVE** and **GLORIFY** God. (v.14; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Matthew 5:16; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:23)



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Taking it further to help you THRIVE...

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, confused, or edified you?
2. When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem after having gone back to Persia, he found that the people had neglected God's law and had spiritually drifted from where they should be. What causes this? What does spiritual drift look like in our lives, and what are the dangers of it?
3. Was Nehemiah right or wrong to be angry at what he saw when he returned? Were his responses warranted? Explain. Thinking further on this, how should we respond to sin in our lives?
4. We read in Nehemiah (and in the law in Deuteronomy 23) that there were not to be foreigners (Ammonites and Moabites) in the assembly. What is the proper (and improper) application of this in our lives (the church) today?
5. What does it mean to 'compromise with the world'? What might it look like to move too far in the direction of the world? What might it look like to stay too far away from the world? How do we strike the balance of impacting the world while not allowing the world to impact us?
6. Nehemiah rebuked the people for forsaking the house of God (verse 11). In what ways do we as Christ-followers forsake the house of God? What/who might we tend to neglect? In what areas might we need to be more steadfast and committed? Take more seriously?