

Digging Deeper
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Nehemiah Chapter 7
“A Church Must Be Vigilant”

1. Read through all of Chapter 7. Why would God want to include a chapter in the Bible that would include mostly a list of names? If all of the Bible is profitable to us (II Timothy 3:16) how does this list profit us?
2. Are our names on some list somewhere? What is that list called? Nehemiah 3:16.
3. It's interesting that Nehemiah's brother was the one who first told Nehemiah about the condition of the wall in Jerusalem....but he wasn't the one who led in the rebuilding....but now he is the one who is asked to be governor. What does that infer to us?
4. What are the two character traits that Hanani had?
5. Even after the wall has been built, Nehemiah is concerned about future security. Do you think the average church places enough emphasis on the potential of being attacked by the enemy? What does the enemy typically look like for a church?
6. Do you think that most Christians in America are more concerned about protecting their country.....or are more concerned about protecting their church? Why?
7. Jesus Christ died for the church. Did Jesus Christ die for any country?
8. Why is Nehemiah handing off responsibilities?
9. Why was/is the city of Jerusalem so important to God? Is it still important today?
10. Do you think that it is possible that a lot of the news items that grab our attention today keep us from focusing on the news items that should be in focus? Like what?

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1. Every local church is just _____ short generation away from destruction. Therefore God’s people must be vigilant and on guard at all times.
2. One of the major responsibilities of elders in a church is to be _____.
3. The _____ in a local church are an extremely important part of the ministry.
4. The Levites remind us of the importance of men who are equipped to _____ in the local church.
5. Only _____ of the Jews in Babylon were willing to break away from the comfort of their new life in order to rebuild Jerusalem. God records their names in the Word of God for all times. Nehemiah recognized the importance of a data base of all of the people. Every person was important.

Answers:

1. one
2. gatekeepers
3. teach the Word of God
4. 2%