Nehemiah

Part 9 – Chapters 7-8

Post Wall Challenges and Blessings

* Ongoing relational awkwardness and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (6:17-19)
  + Bound by oath to Tobiah (6:18)
  + Tobiah (the Ammonite) had married into a Jewish family which complicated relationships with 2 important Jewish men
    - Meshullam (who worked on the wall - 3:4, 30)
    - Eliashib (the High Priest – related to Tobiah 13:4)
  + These men were spying on Nehemiah and reporting to Tobiah while striving to convince Nehemiah of his goodness (6:19)
  + Tobiah continued to write threatening letters to Nehemiah (6:19)
* Guarding the city (7:1-4)
  + Guards were need to protect the city (7:1-2)
  + The gates were only opened on a limited basis (7:3)
  + Not many people were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the city (7:4)
* Census and genealogy (7:5-73)
  + Nehemiah desired to “enroll” the people based on their family history (7:5)
  + The aim was to use these records to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more people into the city of Jerusalem
  + Nehemiah found the genealogical document, made in Babylon by Ezra, of the first group who returned to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel in 538 BC. This record is essentially the same as the list in Ezra 2:1-70
* The reading of the Law (8:1-8)
  + The seventh month (7:73b) is Tishri (Sept/Oct), 445 BC (less than one week after the wall was completed on Elul 25 – 6:15)
  + The people ask (8:1)
  + Ezra brings the book of the Law (8:2)
  + All people gathered (men, women, children), stood, and listened \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (8:2, 3, 5)
  + Ezra read from dawn to midday (8:3)
  + As he read, men \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the text to the people (8:8)
* Insights on leadership
  + Leaders need wisdom to understand and navigate through complicated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Leaders recognize that completing a task or project is not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of leadership
  + Leaders strive to treat people, especially those under them, with equity and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Leaders create and influence an appetite for God and His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_