

Nehemiah 5-9 Lead by Example
Study/Discussion Guide

- 1) The big problem that we see in Nehemiah 5 is the Jewish nobles (wealthy) are making loans and collecting interest and collateral from their own countryman. Read Deuteronomy 23:19 and Leviticus 25:36. Why was Nehemiah so concerned about this practice?
- 2) How can we apply this principal to our modern day dealings with others around us? Why is it important with people who are a part of the church? Why is it important with those who are not yet followers of Jesus?
- 3) Read verse 5:9. Besides something like charging interest, what are some ways we can apply this verse to our lives today?
- 4) Read verse 5:13. Why did the wealthy people go along with this so easily? Why wasn't there a fight?
- 5) Why is it so important to lead by example?
- 6) In Chapter 6, what would have happened to the morale of the people if Nehemiah would have fallen for the tricks of the opposition?
- 7) After the wall was completed, many exiles returned. Why did they return at this point?
- 8) What is the first things (read chapter 8) they do? What is the significance?
- 9) Why is the confession of sin in chapter 9 so important to them being able to re-establish and populate the promise land? Is there a modern day application?