

"Come On In!"  
Nehemiah 7

**Ice Breaker:**

What do you know about your genealogy? How far back does it go? Is it important for you to know where you came from?

**Read: Nehemiah 7**

1. Why doesn't Nehemiah put himself in charge? (verse 2) What qualities is he looking for in leaders? What qualities would you expect in church leaders?
2. Why are the gatekeepers important? What areas in your life do you need to "guard the gate"?
3. Do you see any tension between trusting God and working to protect the safekeeping of others? Why?
4. Why are the singers and Levites important to a city?
5. Who are the meaningful people in your spiritual journey? What have they passed on to you?
6. What qualities are you developing that you would like to pass on to your children and friends? How will you do that?
7. What grand purpose do you think God has for placing you where you now live? Why do you live on your street?

**Pray with each other:**

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Christianity has never been about buildings, walls and programs . . . but about the people. The church is not a building . . . the church is a people. It's easy to lose sight of that and miss the true goal (especially in the middle of a building program)! This morning, we will learn from Nehemiah as he leads his people toward his real goal of building not just a wall, but a people.

**1. Get ready!**

- a. Choose good city leaders. (verse 2)
- b. Provide protection. (verses 1-3)
- c. Refresh worship. (verses 1, 64-73)

**2. You're invited.****3. Jump in!****Next Step:**

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Is your name written in the Book of Life?