

Finishing Well  
Week 2 – Covenant  
March 10, 2024  
Nehemiah 10-12

Getting to Know You

1. Which spring flowers do you enjoy? Do they bring back any childhood memories?
2. What's the most important document you've ever signed?

Digging Deeper

3. How would you define a "covenant"? Would you say that you have a covenant relationship with God?
4. Why did the people of Israel follow up their time of fasting, reading God's word, and confession (Nehemiah 9) by making a firm covenant in writing (Nehemiah 9:38)? How did they vow to set themselves apart (10:30-31)? Why was marrying someone who did not worship the one true God a dangerous proposition?
5. What did God's people vow in Nehemiah 10:39? How did they make sure that all of what God called them to do was accomplished (10:32-39)? Why is it important for the church today to be a covenant community?
6. How were the men described in Nehemiah 11:6, 8, 14? In what ways does it take courage and determination to live life with the intention to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone who doesn't know Him?
7. What did Jesus declare when the Pharisees told him to rebuke his disciples for loudly rejoicing and praising God as Jesus entered Jerusalem (Luke 19:35-40)? Read Psalm 96:11-12. If the rest of creation praises God, what does that say about "intelligent" beings if we don't?

Living it Out

8. Jesus fulfilled God's requirement for sacrifice so that we have a new covenant with God. Have you dedicated yourself to the Lord? Your marriage? Your children? Your resources?
9. The people of Israel brought the firstfruits of their crops, the firstborn of their children and animals, and even the first of their dough to the house of their God (10:33-35). Do you give God your best . . . or your leftovers?
10. The people of Jerusalem rejoiced with such great joy that "the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away" (12:42-43) Is your joy in the Lord expressed in such a way that others know about it?