



## May 28, 2023 Signing Up

### Nehemiah 10

**Summary** – Christians can shy away from covenants because of misplaced ideas about grace and oaths. Nehemiah 10 helps guide us as New Covenant believers to the wisdom of making a firm covenant before God. In this section of Nehemiah, God’s people have immersed themselves in Scripture, prayer and community. Their response to this immersion is to make a firm covenant publicly before the residents of Jerusalem and God to obey God’s Word, to steward intimacy biblically, to honor God in their work, and to respect God’s House.

**Scripture** – Nehemiah 9:38-10:39; Romans 1:14; 1 Corinthians 9:16, 7:13; Acts 18:18; 1 Peter 3:1; Matthew 26:28; John 10:28-29

### Community Group Questions:

#### Covenant (Nehemiah 9:38-10:1-29a)

- “There’s power in a covenant.”
- “Men matter.” What’s the significance of the list of men in chapter 10:1-27?
- When the men made the covenant, they took an oath and a curse. How did this help them stay accountable?

#### Obey God’s Word (Nehemiah 10: 29b)

- What does it look like to live under God’s authority?
- What are the challenges/benefits of having a person/people hold you accountable?

#### Sex and Marriage (Nehemiah 10:30)

- What’s the importance of doing courtship/marriage God’s way?

#### Work (Nehemiah 10:31)

- How do you honor God in your workplace?
- What are the challenges/benefits of taking a Sabbath day?

#### Generous (Nehemiah 10:32-33)

- “Why should we be generous? Because evil is well funded.”

#### Respect the House (Nehemiah 10:39)

- What can you do to respect the House of God through service?
- What can you covenant for the rest of 2023?