

NEHEMIAH 13 / MAY 10

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Read & Pray

This week's sermon is on Nehemiah 13. As a group, read Nehemiah 13:1–31. This passage highlights Israel's gradual compromise and Nehemiah's call back to faithfulness. After reading, spend a minute praying, then ask, *What stands out to you? What might the Spirit be pressing into your life?* Close by asking God for endurance and wholehearted devotion to him.

Sermon Recap (to *apply*, not rehash the sermon)

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- Spiritual compromise often begins subtly when we “allow Tobiah into the temple.”
- What is neglected in one generation is often abandoned in the next.
- The Christian life is not sustained by moments of inspiration alone but by daily endurance through the Spirit.
- Nehemiah exposes humanity's inability to obey God consistently in our own strength.
- Jesus is the greater Reformer who transforms us from the inside out through his Spirit.

Group Discussion

1. The sermon described compromise as letting “Tobiah into the temple.” What small compromises are Christians most tempted to tolerate today, and why are they dangerous?
2. Nehemiah 13 shows the people quickly drifting from commitments they had passionately made in chapter 10. Why is spiritual inconsistency such a common struggle, even after moments of genuine revival or conviction?
3. The sermon emphasized that “it's not inspiration that counts in the Christian life; it's endurance.” What practices or relationships help you remain spiritually faithful over the long haul?
4. The message warned that compromise often multiplies into the next generation. How have you seen priorities, habits, or compromises passed down either positively or negatively through families or communities?
5. The Old Testament ends by showing humanity's need for a greater Reformer: Jesus. How does the Holy Spirit help us obey God differently than simply trying harder in our own strength?

CHALLENGE

This week, ask God to reveal any area of compromise you may have allowed into your heart. Take one practical step toward renewed faithfulness, depending not on your own strength but on the Spirit of Jesus within you.

PRAYER

- Ask God to expose areas of compromise and give you courage to pursue wholehearted obedience.
- Pray for endurance and consistency in your walk with Christ, especially in areas where you are prone to drift.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to transform your heart from the inside out so that your obedience flows from love for God, not mere external pressure.