



NEHEMIAH

Re: BUILD
Re: NEW
Re: FORM

Re: GROUP

Discussion Guide: Small Group Discussion Questions

Text: Nehemiah 11:1–2

Title: Reasons for Repopulating Jerusalem

1. Icebreaker – Relocation and Trust

- Have you ever been asked to move, serve, or step into a role that felt inconvenient or uncomfortable? How did you respond?

2. Review – God’s Faithfulness to His Promises

Read Nehemiah 7:4–5, 9:38, and 10:39

Q1: Looking back over the past few chapters, what are some ways God has remained faithful to His covenant people?

Q2: Why is it significant that the people responded to God's Word with confession, covenant renewal, and commitment?

Q3: How have you seen God's promises fulfilled in your own life recently? How does that affect your trust in Him today?

3. Repopulation – Following God’s Lead

Read Nehemiah 11:1–2

Q4: Why do you think it was necessary to repopulate Jerusalem? What might have been some of the challenges or fears people faced in moving there?

Q5: One in ten were chosen by lot, and others volunteered. What does this say about God's role in directing people and our willingness to respond?

Q6: What’s your typical response when you're unsure what to do—do you go to God first or only after trying everything else?

Follow-up: What would it look like to more consistently seek God's will before making a decision?

4. Reason – Logistical and Prophetic Purpose

Q7: What were the practical reasons for repopulating Jerusalem? How do those help us understand the importance of healthy spiritual communities today?

Q8: Why is it important to recognize that God had a prophetic plan behind this moment in history?

Q9: The rebuilding and repopulation of Jerusalem helped fulfill prophecies about Jesus. What does that teach us about God's long-term, detailed plan?

5. Application – Our Role in God's Plan

Read Ephesians 1:4–10

Q10: What does it mean to you that God has chosen you to be part of His redemptive plan?

Q11: Are you in a place right now that feels uncomfortable or unexpected? How might God be using it for a bigger purpose?

Q12: The sermon asked: *“Have I surrendered to Jesus as Lord, or is He just my mascot?”* How would you honestly answer that? What might need to change?

6. Prayer Prompt – Surrender and Calling

- Pray that each group member would recognize and embrace their role in God's bigger story.
- Ask for courage to trust God in the hard places—and faith to see His purpose in them.