

BUILDING UNITY

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STUDY GUIDE

CHAPTER 11

INTRODUCTION

With the wall rebuilt and spiritual renewal underway, Nehemiah Chapter 11 turns toward repopulating Jerusalem. A strong city is no good if it's empty. So the leaders and some of the people commit to living in Jerusalem, while others stay in the surrounding towns.

This chapter highlights the importance of availability and sacrifice. Some volunteered, others were chosen by lot—but all understood that God's work required people willing to plant roots where they were needed most. Sometimes serving God means stepping into a role that's not glamorous, but essential.

READ: NEHEMIAH 11:1–9

Discussion 1

1. **Why was it important to repopulate Jerusalem at this point in the story?**
2. **What does the people's willingness to move into the city say about their commitment?**

Living in the holy city wasn't about prestige—it was a sacrifice. Many had already built homes in the countryside. Moving into the city meant starting over and taking on risk. But they knew a strong Jerusalem was key to God's greater plan.

READ: NEHEMIAH 11:10-36

The chapter lists names and functions of those who settled in and around Jerusalem. From administrators to worship leaders, every person had a part to play. This shows how God's work is both spiritual and practical—and it takes the whole community.

Discussion 2

1. **What roles did the people take on as they settled in (priests, Levites, gatekeepers, etc.)?**
2. **How does this reflect the idea that every role in God's mission matters?**
3. **In what ways might God be calling you to “step into” a place or role that feels uncomfortable or costly?**

PRAY

Take time to reflect on where God has placed you right now. Ask: Am I open to being “sent” where I’m needed most—even if it’s inconvenient? Pray for courage to say yes to wherever God may be calling you to plant yourself for His glory.