

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Nehemiah 7:4-73

Review

- What feelings do you have about your family history? Explain
- Have there been times in your own life when you have faced a choice to identify yourself with a family, or preferred to be identified as an individual?
- Why do you think family values are continually attacked and undermined in our society?

Remind

- What was the problem that Nehemiah was facing in v.4?
- How many individuals are listed in v.7?
- What functions/jobs are listed in v.39, v.44, v.45 and v.46?
- What were the full numbers counted (v.66-69)?
- In v.73, many people settle in their own towns living off the land. How difficult do you think it would be to repopulate Jerusalem if farming was the main way to earn a living?

Respond

- Nehemiah got the people to give proof of the Jewish ancestry. What would you say to prove that you are a Christian?
(Read Philippians 3:20 and Philippians 4:3)
- In what ways are you concerned about your family history and protecting it?
- How does the thought that you will be in someone's Christian family tree affect you?
- Thinking of the whole of Nehemiah 1-7, what one truth stands out for you?