

Standing By Our Promises Discussion Questions

Nehemiah 13

1. How would you rate your ability to keep your promises? 1 being I don't keep them and 10 being I always keep them.
2. Why is it important to keep our promises?
3. Why do you think that the Israelites faded into sin so quickly when Nehemiah left to go back to Persia? What can we do to prevent this from happening in our lives?
4. Look through Deuteronomy 23. What was God's purpose in making this list of rules for the Israelites to follow? What can we learn from this reason and this list that we can apply to our lives today?
5. What is meant by living separate from the world? How can we live separate from the world and still have a spiritual impact on the world?
6. What were the problems with letting Tobiah live in the Temple?
7. What affect does being spiritually mismatched in marriage have on the marriage? What benefits are there to being a spiritual matched couple?
8. What do you think of Nehemiah's behavior of calling down curses and pulling out their hair? Was his behavior right or wrong? Why? Why was he so mad about this?
9. Are there times when we need to take drastic action like Nehemiah did? Why or why not? If so, what are some examples of times it is necessary to take drastic action?
10. Why is it important for the Levites and others in this passage not to be working outside the Temple? How does this apply to us in taking care of pastors and others who work in the church?
11. What is the big deal with purchasing stuff on the Sabbath?
12. Are we at fault like the Israelites by going out to eat, shopping, etc. on Sundays? Why or why not? How do we make Sunday holy and show worship is central and be a witness with what we do or don't do on Sundays?
13. What lesson have you learned from our study of Nehemiah?
14. Which of the lessons mentioned in the sermon have you been focusing on in your life? What impact has it made on your spiritual journey?