
A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of June 28, 2020

For God & This People

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Nehemiah 5:14-19](#)

¹⁴ Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the food allowance of the governor. ¹⁵ The former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens on the people and took from them for their daily ration forty shekels of silver. Even their servants lorded it over the people. But I did not do so, because of the fear of God. ¹⁶ I also persevered in the work on this wall, and we acquired no land, and all my servants

were gathered there for the work. ¹⁷ Moreover, there were at my table 150 men, Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations that were around us. ¹⁸ Now what was prepared at my expense for each day was one ox and six choice sheep and birds, and every ten days all kinds of wine in abundance. Yet for all this I did not demand the food allowance of the governor, because the service was too heavy on this people. ¹⁹ Remember for my good, O my God, all that I have done for this people.

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- **Read vv.14-19.** Nehemiah sets up a contrast between himself and the governors of Judah who served in prior administrations. How does he characterize the earlier governors?
 - How does Nehemiah describe his leadership and work?
 - What reason is given for Nehemiah's just leadership (15)?
 - Because Nehemiah fears God, he is compelled to be a strong, compassionate, generous, visionary leader. How does that work? What is the connection between the fear of God, holiness, & Christian obedience?
 - When misplaced fears drive you, how does that impede leadership, relationship, generosity & compassion?
 - Nehemiah says, "Remember for my good, O my God, all that I have done for this people" (19). Is this boasting or praying?
 - How are you compelled by the love of Christ today? Is there anything you are doing or not doing simply because Jesus love you? Is there a risk you are taking, a sacrifice you are making, a way you are practicing restraint, a way you are suffering with others?
 - Nehemiah is the Lord's Reformer who walks in the fear of God in a very difficult time for God's people. How as an individual, as a church can we follow Jesus Christ as His people to address the brokenness around us?

Pray in response to God's Word.

- Ask the Lord to convince you of His love in Jesus Christ.
- Ask the Lord for power to be compelled by the love of Christ
- Is He calling you to risk, sacrifice, restraint, or suffering? Ask Him for His Spirit's help.