

Nehemiah 5 – Questions for further study

1. Nehemiah 5 v 1, 5, 7 & 8 make it clear that these cries for help were coming from within their own people. Survey your small group for unmet needs.
2. How might your group or we as a church, work together to help meet needs when they are indentified?
3. Promises and vows to God are always important in the Bible. Verses 12 and 13 show the priests, officials and peoples response to Nehemiah's challenge. It includes a prophetic action (v13) – the shaking out of the folds of his garment.
 - What was the consequence of broken vows in this prophetic action?
 - What might be the consequences of our failure to keep the promises we have made to God?
4. Nehemiah led by example, how might we collectively and individually respond by taking the lead?
5. It's very easy to avoid getting involved, it could be said to be 'the English way'. How might we challenge those situations that cause hardship for others?
6. Verse 19 says 'Remember me with favour, O my God for all I have done for these people'. Ours is an active faith, we all have a part to play. (I Corinthians chapter 12 – we are the body of Christ). What is your part?