

**Big Idea:** At the end of the book of Nehemiah, the city of Jerusalem celebrates its rebirth. The temple is dedicated, and leaders are appointed. But Nehemiah must leave for a time, and when he returns, they've backslidden and compromised with the world. They're disrespecting the temple and the Sabbath, and foreign influences threaten the city, the family, and the worship of God.

## I. Introduction

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

How does Jeremiah's prophesy in chapter 29 come true?

How is the dual choral procession a fitting end to the construction projects?

*Neh. 12:27 –*

## II. Decisive Action

*Neh. 13:1-3*

How do we characterize the action taken in verse 3? Is it racism or vengeance?

What does the O.T. Law say about foreigners in Israel?

*Lev. 19:33-34*

What does the New Testament say about our identity, past and present?

*1 Cor 6:9-10*

## III. Compromise

Where is Nehemiah during this time?

*Neh. 13:6*

How do the people compromise their faith in his absence?

*Neh. 13:4-31*

## IV. Conclusion

What did you personally take away from these past 6 weeks in the book of Nehemiah?