



## Unit 6 Guide

### **SERIES: LESSONS ON THE POWER OF COMBINED EFFORT**

#### **Lesson #6: “Joining Together to Sacrifice”**

**Nehemiah 5:14-19**

**Announcements and opening prayer.**



**Connect:** an opportunity for people to immediately interact and connect with each other; icebreaker/attention getters. **Icebreaker:** What does it mean to care? Where do we draw the line on who we should care about? I mean we can't look after everyone, can we?

**The Bottom Line:** God points out to us that we are our brother's keeper. What does that mean? Let's find out.

#### **LESSON PLAN**



**Denotes “Apply”**

**Background:** Begin by asking everyone to silently read 5:1-13 for review. When everyone is done, ask them to summarize what has taken place leading up to today's text.

#### **Read Nehemiah 5:14-16**

1. What had the governors over Judah done to the people in Jerusalem before Nehemiah became the new governor?
- ② How different is that from world leadership today?
- ② What are some examples around the world of this type of abuse?
2. Did Nehemiah follow in their footsteps when he became governor?
3. How long did Nehemiah and his brothers refuse to take advantage of the extra special allotments given to the governor by Persia?
4. If it was all perfectly legal, why would Nehemiah not eat the food?

**Read Proverbs 19:23.**

5. How does the fear of the Lord prevent us from sinning? How did the fear of the Lord keep Nehemiah from sinning?

⑥ What would you willingly give up to prevent someone from suffering?

6. What did Nehemiah focus his energy on while he was the governor of Judah?

⑥ What examples have you seen of godly leaders who were willing to sacrifice alongside the people?

⑥ What are some poor examples of leaders who led in the name of God but took full advantage of their special position and neglected the people?

**Read Nehemiah 5:17-19**

7. How many people ate at Nehemiah's table?

8. Each day the food is prepared to feed this large group. Where does that food come from?

**Read Luke 22:25-27**

9. What did Jesus say here about leadership? What evidence do you see in Nehemiah 5 that Nehemiah lived out the principles in these verses?

10. What is the only thing Nehemiah asks of God?



**Interactive Teaching Ideas:** ideas for learner-focused teaching. Ask the class to discuss at each table the following assignment and then close in prayer at each table: On a scale of 1 (in a comma for Christ) to 10 (workaholic for Christ), where are you at this point in your life as God's servant-leader?



### Going Deeper/Homework:

**Memory Verse:** “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments” (Matt. 22:37-40).

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