

1. Renewing a Covenant with the LORD

- a) What is a covenant?
- b) Nehemiah 9:36-38 What was the setting for the renewing of a covenant with the LORD in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah?
- c) Why does Nehemiah include all the names of those who placed their seal on the written record of the covenant? (Nehemiah 10:1-27)
- d) Nehemiah 10:28-29 Why was it also important for “the rest of the people” to actively participate in the renewal of their covenant with the LORD?

2. Covenants in Sacred History

- a) With Adam (Genesis 3:15); With Noah (Genesis 9:11); With Abraham (Genesis 12:2-3); With Moses and Israel (Exodus 19:4-6); With Phineas (Numbers 25:10-13); With David (2 Samuel 7:5-16).
- b) What do all of these covenants have in common?
- c) Jeremiah 31:31-34 – What is different about the New Covenant?
 - i) Reconciliation – “I will be their God”
 - ii) Justification – “I will forgive their iniquity”
 - iii) Sanctification – “I will write my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.”
- d) What are your thoughts about this covenant God desires to make with you?
- e) The Everlasting Covenant – What is the everlasting covenant the LORD desires to make with His people? Hebrews 13:20-21, Isaiah

55:3

- f) What can we learn from Joshua’s testimony recorded in Joshua 24:14-15?

3. Making promises to the LORD

- a) Nehemiah 10:30-39 What promises did the people in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah make as part of their renewed covenant with the LORD?
- b) What should we remember when we make promises to the LORD? Ecclesiastes 5:1-5
- c) What is the most important promise anyone can make to God?
- d) Share a time when you made a promise to God.
- e) What words of Scripture give us hope when we fail to keep our promises to the LORD?

4. Caring for the House of the LORD

- a) Nehemiah 10:39 Why was it important to care for the House of the LORD?
- b) What is the application for our lives today?
- c) What blessings come when we give generously to the work of God?
- d) Share a time when you were blessed as you gave sacrificially for the work of God.

