1. Promises made to the LORD
   a) What promises had the people made to the LORD when they renewed their covenant with Him after the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem? Nehemiah 10:30,31,39
   b) What are your thoughts about these promises? What are some more important promises than any listed in Nehemiah 10? (Matthew 22:37-39)

2. Neglect of the house of the LORD
   a) How did the priest Eliashib neglect the house of the LORD? Nehemiah 13:4-5
   b) Why did Eliashib prepare a room for Tobiah the Ammonite official (Nehemiah 2:10) in the house of the LORD?
   c) Why didn’t Nehemiah address this neglect of the house of the LORD immediately? Nehemiah 13:6-7
   d) How did Nehemiah respond when he returned from Babylon to Jerusalem and discovered this unacceptable conduct? Nehemiah 13:8-9
   e) What other neglect of the house of the LORD had occurred during Nehemiah’s absence? Nehemiah 13:10
   f) How did Nehemiah address this neglect? Nehemiah 13:11-13
   g) What are your thoughts about Nehemiah’s prayer, recorded in Nehemiah 13:14?
   h) What are some ways we neglect the house of the LORD today?

3. Disregard for the Sabbath
   a) Nehemiah 13:15-16 Why was this disregard for the Sabbath such a serious offence? (Exodus 20:8-11)
   b) How did Nehemiah address this neglect of a clear teaching from the Word of God? Nehemiah 13:17-22
   c) What are your thoughts about Nehemiah’s harsh words and threats?
   d) How did Jesus help us to understand the true meaning of the Sabbath?
      i) Mark 2:27-28 How does this teaching of Jesus impact your view of the Sabbath?
      ii) Mark 3:1-6 Why was Jesus grieved by the attitude of the religious leaders in the synagogue in Capernaum?
      iii) Matthew 12:1-8 What important lesson did Jesus teach in this interaction with the Pharisees?
   e) What are some appropriate ways to value and cherish the Sabbath as a gift from our Creator?
   f) How has your attitude toward the Sabbath changed as you have grown closer to Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord?