

# NEHEMIAH

BUILDING A CITY  
WITHIN THE CITY

Week 17  
Priest and Levites

Read Nehemiah 11:1-36 for an overview of the passage.

## Context

In the last chapter we looked at the leaders of Jerusalem as they settled the city. In preparation of the wall dedication, Nehemiah gives us a list of those priest that have returned to perform their priestly duties.

**Levite** : a member of the priestly Hebrew tribe of Levi

**Priests**: the specially designated officials who served in the Temple performing ritual functions and conducting the sacrificial services limited to the Levites.

## Servants of God

Reread Nehemiah 12:1-26 considering the role of levitical priest in the Hebrew society.

What does this list say about the importance of the priests in reestablishing Jerusalem?  
How do you see this relating to the church's mission to reach the city?  
What has the potential to distract you from your focus on Jesus even in the midst of mission?  
How do you keep your heart from wandering toward those things?  
How can we encourage one another toward our calling in Christ and away from these distractions?  
Who are you going to give the permission to call you on these things?

## Legacy

Reread Nehemiah 12:1-26 thinking about the legacy of generations of Priests.

When you read the names of generations of faithful priests, does that bring hope or disappointment?  
How have you been apart of a legacy?  
What do you want your legacy to be?  
How can you start moving toward that legacy today?  
What obstacles do you face toward seeing that legacy becoming a reality?  
How will you get past these obstacles?

## Reflection and Prayer

Reflect on the attributes of God and the elements of the Gospel you see in this passage.  
How do your thoughts and actions testify to the truth you see in these Scriptures?  
Pray that this scripture would transform your life and renew your mind.