

Small Group Study Guide

“Staying Out of Square One!”

Nehemiah 13

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Relate

For fun, tell some stories about how your house has been turned upside down by a mess, or stories about a cluttered room or garage. How did these things happen?

Review

Pastor Mark talked about sins of commission and sins of omission. Sometimes it is easy to focus on sins of commission. Discuss examples of sins of omission.

How did Nehemiah’s clearing out of Tobiah’s things in chapter 13 relate to Jesus cleaning the Temple in Mark 11:12-19?

The Israelites had neglected the house of God, desecrated the Sabbath, and intermarried. What would these look like in a modern context?

What would you say Nehemiah’s main concern is with his four statements in verses 14, 22, 29, and 31?

Dig

Review and discuss the significance of Daniel 9:25 as it pertains to Nehemiah 2 and 13.

Spend some time discussing and reading “My Heart Christ’s Home.” This is available at <http://www.scribd.com/doc/4084480/My-Heart-Christ-Home> (or attached).

-How do you identify with this story?

-What room or rooms are in need of being cleaned out?

-The hall closet is often ignored or used for putting things we don’t want seen, but easily accessible. How do you relate to the hall closet?

How does 1 Timothy 4:15-16 relate to keeping our spiritual lives clean?

Live

Make a list of things you have to be thankful for. Spend time praying and praising God together.

Discuss, confess sin, and make a plan of action for enhancing worship through repentance and developing purity.