

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Nehemiah 10
The Cost of Commitment

Getting Started

Why do you think many people find it difficult to make commitments?

Digging In

In ch. 10, in light of God's great mercies to them, the Israelites make a fresh commitment to keep the covenant the Lord made with the nation of Israel.

1. **Read Neh 9:38 - 10:29.** What kind of people joined together in making this *binding agreement*?
2. Write a paraphrase of 10:29.
3. What promise do they make in **v. 30**? Why was this important? (See Ezra 9, especially vss. 10-12.)
4. What are some similar areas of compromise today? (See 2 Cor 6:14-18.)
5. What promises do they make in **v. 31**? How did these demonstrate trust in the Lord?
6. How does this reflect God's concern for the poor?
7. **Read vss. 32-39.** How many times does the phrase *house of our God* or *house of the LORD* occur in these verses?
8. In what ways did the Israelites commit themselves to care for the *house of our God*?
9. How would this demonstrate trust in the Lord?
10. Why do you think that caring for the temple, the priests and the Levites had such a central role in their renewed commitment?



Getting Personal

- What steps are you taking to pursue holiness?
- In what ways are we to care for the Lord's work today?
- How can we reflect God's concern for the poor?
- How are you demonstrating trust with regard to the time and finances the Lord has entrusted to you?