

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

# Nehemiah 11-12

## Just Ordinary People

### Getting Started

What's the most unusual talent you've seen at a circus?

### Background

The temple has been rebuilt. The people have confessed their sin and recommitted themselves to the Lord. Now it's time to repopulate Jerusalem and dedicate the temple.

### Digging In

1. **Read Neh 11.** What was the basic problem that needed to be addressed? (see especially vss. 3b-4, 20 and 25-36)
2. What steps did the leaders take to address the issue? (vss. 1-2)
3. What kinds of people came to live in Jerusalem?
4. **Read Neh 12:1-26.** Why do you think it was important for the priests and Levites to be able to trace their lineage back to their Jewish ancestors?
5. How did King David, indirectly, have a part in the worship life of the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem? (v. 24)
6. **Read Neh 12:27-43.** Write a brief summary of what they did to dedicate the rebuilt temple.
7. **Read Neh 12:44-47.** How did the people provide for the priests, Levites, singers and gatekeepers?



### Getting Personal

- **Read Romans 12:1.** Based on his incredible mercy to us, how does God want us to respond?
- How is our response as Christians like that of the Israelites in Neh 11-12?
- Offering ourselves as *living sacrifices* includes using the gifts God has given us for his kingdom – his glory. In what ways are you using the gifts God has entrusted to you for him?
- What is a new opportunity for ministry that you think God might be wanting you to explore?