



## Week Six – Nehemiah: 52 Days

### CONNECT

- Have there been times in your own life when you have faced a choice to identify yourself with a family, or preferred to be identified as an individual?
- What feelings do you have about your family history? Why?

### WORD

Read Nehemiah 7:5-73 (NIV)

### THOUGHT

Have you ever struggled with feelings that your life is not worthwhile? I think we all feel that way at times. Life goes by so quickly! We often think about, “What am I accomplishing that *really* matters? How can I spend my life so that it counts for something worthwhile?” *Many people struggle with the idea that being just who they are, is not enough. The idea that one person holds deep significance in the world of billions is a far-fetched idea. Nehemiah, after building the wall and helping Jerusalem get on the right track realizes that each individual matters to God.*

### DISCUSSION

1. How does a person discover exactly who he or she is in the Lord?

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2. Throughout the entire section, God has highlighted the importance roles of family and community. Why does God care so much about where we come from and to whom do we claim to belong?

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**3. Verses 6-73 are also recorded in Ezra 2. Why do you think God wanted to highlight all the names twice? What significance do you think this might have?**

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**4. How was the condition of the people summarized in verse 73? What time of year was this?**

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### **PERSONAL APPLICATION**

- Names are important to God, make an effort to learn the names of new people in church this week.
- Spend time remembering where God has placed you throughout your life. Try finding the significance in His placement of you in the various groups you have found yourself in past, present and future.

### **PRAYER**

- Pray, asking God to give you the ability to love where He has placed you and where you came from.
- Pray, asking God to give you the ability to see people the way that He does, as significant and important.