

## Nehemiah 11:1—12:26

Why all the stats about population?

By 2050 the percentage of people living in urban areas is estimated to be \_\_\_\_\_. What's the connection?

Nehemiah and Ezra had a real problem. Jerusalem was nearly empty and it looked like areas of Memphis.

If you go to The Louvre in Paris, you can see artifacts from Darius' kingdom palace. Nehemiah served there. When he traveled to Jerusalem he had difficulty inspecting the walls due to the rubble. It was broken down, the temple was broken, the people were broken. Would Nehemiah be faithful?

The Plan: \_\_\_\_\_ of the people would return to the holy city and some even volunteered to return. Despite the desolation, this was God's city, this was where He was working. Those moving there put their self interests aside and put Jehovah's plan first. Verse 2 tells us that the people blessed these who moved there. It was not glamorous....

As believers, we want to be Christlike and also want to acknowledge it in others. One exciting thing in a local church is seeing Jesus use other people as they use the gifts He has given.

Lists, Lists and more Lists....and the Valiant. Another important reason for corporate worship is to see other people living for Jesus and persevering.

- Is your name on the right list?
- Is there an awareness of sin?
- Is there an awareness of His Cross?
- Is there a desire to read the Word, Pray, Serve and Worship, even when it's not convenient?

What should our goal be as a church?

What, exactly, does our LORD require of you, today?

To act \_\_\_\_\_, to love \_\_\_\_\_ and to walk \_\_\_\_\_ with your God.

What does that look like in your life?

## It Was Finished Upon the Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus  
On the cross of Calvary  
He declares His work is finished  
He has spoken this hope to me

Though the sun had ceased its shining  
Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil  
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken  
Jesus paid the price for me  
Full, the pardon He has offered  
Great, the welcome that I receive

Boldly I approach my Father  
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry  
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent  
Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
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Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness  
Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen!  
It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory  
To my Saviour and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory  
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## He Calls Me Friend

### VERSE 1

I have a friend, a faithful friend  
And Jesus is His name  
He will not leave, He stands by me  
My Shepherd He remains

### VERSE 2

I have a friend, a mighty friend  
And Jesus is His name  
I shall not fear, He holds me near  
His strength will keep me safe

### CHORUS 1

His name is True King Lord of creation  
Ruler without end  
I call Him Hope, Peace, Wonderful Saviour  
And what joy that Jesus calls me friend!

### VERSE 3

I have a friend, the kindest friend  
And Jesus is His name  
He hears my cry, by day or night  
And wipes my tears away

### CHORUS 2

His name is True King Lord of creation  
Ruler without end  
I call Him Hope, Peace, Wonderful Saviour  
And what joy that Jesus calls me friend!

### VERSE 4

I have a friend, a Saviour friend  
And Jesus is His name  
He fought for me on Calvary  
And trampled on the grave!

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