

**Study Questions for the August 9, 2020 Sermon:  
“Divide and Conquer: Satan’s Ploy to Stop The Work”  
Nehemiah 5**

1. Part of Nehemiah's strategy to fight corruption was to set the proper example. Nehemiah was honest and gracious. He went beyond not abusing his authority; he did not even take the salary that was due to him as Governor. Can you recall others in scripture who set this same example?
2. Pastor Don, quoting Ephesians 4:26, said that anger is not a sin, however our response to anger is often sinful. When Nehemiah learned that some of the prosperous Jews were abusing the poor, powerless Jews, he was angry. What were Nehemiah's godly responses to his anger?
3. Memory question: 1 John 2:16 lists 3 human desires that Satan uses to hurt us. Can you name one?
4. When Nehemiah learned that some Israelis were abusing other Israelis, he talked to the offending parties, he did not talk about the offending parties. Can you recall any Bible verses that support his approach?
5. In verse 11, Nehemiah demanded that the abusive Israelis stop their abuse, and they undo the abuse they already committed. They had to return the property, and money (and presumably children) that they had taken. If you have you ever attempted to make reparations for a past sin you committed, please share the story.
6. Near the end of the meeting, verse 13 describes an object lesson that Nehemiah used to emphasize his warning to the abusive Israelites. Has an object lesson ever made a strong impression on you, or have you ever used one in a presentation? This can be one that you read about in scripture, or one that you observed at a Christian or secular meeting.
7. Pastor Don ended the sermon with a call to action: As Jerusalem was strengthened by repairing the broken wall, likewise Northwest Baptist will be strengthened by restoring broken relationships. If anyone has taken, since the Sunday sermon, an initiative to restore a broken relationship, please share the story.