

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Sunday, October 25, 2020**  
**Nehemiah 11:1-12:26**

1. What happened in Wednesday's study of Nehemiah 10?
  - a. The Israelites sealed (or signed) their renewed commitment to follow God's commands.
  - b. The Israelites were committing to some really important things...that Christians in our current culture have probably neglected as well...such as: not being unequally yoked to people who would lead them astray and cause them to compromise their faithfulness to God, forgiveness of debts and resting the land, not doing business on the Sabbath, and giving tithes and offerings to the House of God.
  
2. What is happening in verse 1 of chapter 11?
  - a. The leaders of the people settled in Jerusalem.
  - b. The rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of every ten of them to live in Jerusalem, while the remaining nine were to stay in their own towns.
  
3. Why are they repopulating Jerusalem?
  - a. Nehemiah 7:4 says there were few people living in Jerusalem after the walls were built.
  - b. Nehemiah believed that God should have a place and a people to call his own.
  - c. God was interested in restoring His people.
  
4. How did they repopulate Jerusalem?
  - a. All the leaders came to Jerusalem.
  - b. They cast lots to bring one out of every ten people from their ancestral homes to live in Jerusalem.
  - c. Some volunteered rather than being chosen.
  
5. What was the response to the people who volunteered to live in Jerusalem?
  - a. They said, "better him than me."
  - b. They rolled their eyes at the 'goody two shoes'.
  - c. They commended people who were willing to volunteer to sacrifice their comfort and leave their own ancestral lands (inheritance) to live in Jerusalem for the good of Israel without being chosen by lot.
  
6. Do we volunteer to do things that are not to our benefit, but help others and work toward God's plan?
  - a. Wait, who said anything about sacrifice...I thought Jesus paid it all so I wouldn't have to.?
  - b. Well, I'm not sure I'm first the volunteer but, if the lot falls to me, I guess I'll comply.
  - c. Look, I'm all in for God's plan and His people and I've already "given my life to Christ" so it isn't really a sacrifice when I choose His will above my own...the sacrifice was already made when I gave it all to Him.
  
7. Ok, so now let's get the real answer, not the one you think we want to hear... \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. If a true "Return" involves self-sacrifice instead of the selfish "Christian" life that many of us were living before the exile, are you ready for that kind of Return? \_\_\_\_\_