

## Week 5 Student Sheet: Nehemiah 5

**Theme:** Justice, Integrity, and Courageous Confrontation

**Big Truth:** *“God will not build His kingdom on the backs of His people. What looks like progress to us must still be righteousness to Him.”*

### What We Learned

*Nehemiah 5 pauses the rebuilding of the wall to address something more dangerous than outside opposition: exploitation among God’s own people. God cares not only that the work gets done, but how His people treat one another while doing it.*

### Key Reflections

- Where might injustice or misuse of power be harming people close to me?
- Have I ever confused endurance with faithfulness when God was actually calling for truth?
- Where might silence be preserving harm rather than promoting peace?

### Godly Anger & Emotional Wisdom

*Nehemiah was angry but he consulted himself before he spoke. Righteous anger is governed, purposeful, and submitted to God.*

- Do I allow space between emotion and action?
- How do I bring strong feelings under God’s wisdom instead of letting them lead me?

### Godly Repentance

*The leaders listened, repented, restored what was taken, and accepted accountability. Godly sorrow produces repentance which produces safety, fruit, and lasting change, not just worldly sorrow.*

- What does repentance look like in action, not just words?

### When Repentance Does Not Come

*Our obedience is not measured by outcomes, but by faithfulness. God sees, hears, and moves even when others refuse to change.*

- Where do I need to trust God with justice I cannot control?

### Scriptures to Meditate On

- Nehemiah 5:1–13
- Proverbs 21:3
- Micah 6:8
- James 5:1–6
- Psalm 10:17–18

### Closing Prayer

*Ask God to rebuild any internal walls that have been broken by fear, silence, or injustice. Pray for courage to speak truth, wisdom to act rightly, and trust to rest in God’s justice.*