



GROWING FURTHER | WEEK 5

1 CHRONICLES 1:1 - NEHEMIAH 13:14

1. As you read your Bible this week, which particular thought(s) and event(s) stood out to you or surprised you? What questions came up that you would like to find the answers to?
2. Imagine that you were an exile returning to Jerusalem. What in 1 Chronicles would you have found inspiring about Israel's history and God's promises concerning David's dynasty? What about the need for the Jews to remain faithful to God?
3. Which themes did you notice in David's prayer shortly before his death (1 Chronicles 29) and Solomon's prayer at the temple's dedication (2 Chronicles 6)?
4. As you read 2 Chronicles, what did you notice about the activities of the kings of Judah?
5. Describe Ezra and the challenges he faced when he returned to Jerusalem from Babylon. How did the people respond when Ezra helped them finally know God's standards and recognize their own wrongdoing? Why was it so important for them to confess their sins and follow God's law?
6. Why was ethnic purity so vital to the nation of Israel's existence? (Ezra 10 and Nehemiah 9)
7. Where did Nehemiah's loyalties lie? In what ways did he demonstrate his reliance on God and deep commitment to prayer in order to rebuild Jerusalem?

Try it!

Memorize the names of the next 5 books in the Bible, Ecclesiastes – Lamentations.