

Value
Nehemiah 7

1. _____ matters to God – vs. 1

1.1. Gatekeepers

Worship is about gaining knowledge and applying discernment.

1.2. _____

Worship music has always been a vital part of bringing glory to God.
Styles of music change but the message never does in true worship.

1.3. Levites

Service is a form of worship to give if given out of a heart of devotion not duty.

If you want “church” to look different than your normal life then you are either ignorant, a hypocrite or legalistic.

1. Do you worship God _____ with the Holy Spirit?
You cannot worship God if you have unconfessed sin in your life.
2. Do you worship God in _____?
Without pretense, without the fear of man, without false legalistic regulations but with honest, open, sincere praise to Him.

2. _____ matters to God – vs. 2,3

A person’s authority does not come from title or position; it comes from character, competence, and a willingness to invest in other people’s lives. Ken Boa

Character is not made in crisis; it is only exhibited. Andy Stanley

2.1. _____

Consistent, steady and follow through.

- 2.1.1. They finish the job.
- 2.1.2. They do things right.
- 2.1.3. They figure out a way. (No quitting.)
- 2.1.4. Faithfulness starts in the heart.
- 2.1.5. Faithfulness keeps you on course when nothing else will.

The cross will cut into our lives where it hurts worst, sparing neither us nor our carefully cultivated reputations. It will defeat us and bring our selfish lives to an end.
Tozer

2.2. _____ God

Consumed with the knowledge of my personal insufficiency in the presence of God the Almighty, is the foundation of wisdom and unity.

_____ times it is written in Scripture to “fear not.”

Gen. 15:1 – Abraham had a vision of God.

Rev. 1:17 – John had a vision of the glorified Jesus.

3. _____ matter to God – vss. 4-69

Grand total was 49,942 heroes who came back.

10 Different groups

3.1. Leaders – vs. 7

3.2. _____ – 8-25

3.3. Towns – 27 – 38

3.4. Priests – 39-42

3.5. Levites – 43

3.6. Musicians – 44

3.7. Gatekeepers – 45

3.8. _____ Servants – 46-60

3.9. Unproven Priests – 61-65

3.10. Servants – 67 (over 7,000)

What matters to God is not the counting of people but the people counted. Numbers matter to God in that each numeral is a soul that He loves.

They did the ridiculous and trusted God to do the impossible and He did!

God blesses people, not _____.

What are you wrapped up into? A program? A process? Or people?

People matter to God; do they matter to you?

281,436

4. _____ matters to God – vss. 70-73

The Governor gave about \$3.6 Million in gold!

Family Leaders gave about \$7.2 Million in gold and about \$3,000 in silver.

The rest of the people gave about the same.

Total – about \$18 Million in gold, \$6,000 in silver and other goods.

Leviticus 1:6–7

⁶ Then he must skin the burnt offering and cut it into pieces.

⁷ The sons of Aaron the priest will prepare a fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire.

Jim Elliot

He is no fool to give what he cannot _____, to gain what he cannot _____.

Application:

Do you notice the progression?

Worship develops character.

Character develops a burden for people.

Passion motivates sacrifice.

What do you need to work on this week?

1. Worship matters to God

Do you have a relationship with God or a religion?

You start by receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior

You continue by living in the Spirit and not in the flesh.

2. Character matters to God

One of the greatest foes of the Christian is religious complacency.

Would you be characterized as faithful?

No one can know the true grace of God who has not first known the fear of God. Tozer

Do you fear God?

3. People matter to God

You matter to God. Dwell on that thought.

Do people matter to you?

4. Sacrifice matters to God

You can't please God until you remove the flesh.