



# Life Notes

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Psalm 107:1

## QUESTIONS

**1. Chapter 11 and the first half of chapter 12 provides a list of names similar to Chronicles. Chapter 12:27 to the end, recounts the dedication of the wall which could be part of a previous section (chapter 8?). In this section we see that the people are brought together and rejoice together. Why is it important to have common goals and great celebrations within the church today as they had back then? Have you ever been part of such a common task and celebration?**

**2. Chapter 13 is about a final reform. Sadly, when Nehemiah went back to Susa, the Jewish people didn't follow through on their pledges in chapter 10. This seems to be a theme in the Old Testament; covenant, failure, repentance. Why do we do this as believers? What can we do to stop this cycle in our lives?**

**3. Judaism was known for three things; the Temple, the Sabbath, and Circumcision. Nehemiah deals with two of these areas; the Temple and the Sabbath. It is generally thought that the Law read was from Deuteronomy. The only time circumcision is mentioned is 10:16 and 30:6. Please read these passages and discuss the meaning of the concept found there. As Christians, what does this theme mean for us? How does it give an answer to the question posed above about breaking the cycle of unbelief and repentance?**