



# GROUP & FAMILY MATERIALS

WEEK 6

DO NOT GIVE UP MEETING TOGETHER, AS  
SOME ARE IN THE HABIT OF DOING, BUT  
ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER...

**HEBREWS 10:25 (NIV)**

# WEEK 6 COMMITMENT

## INTRODUCTION

Commitment is what leads us to action. Motivation helps us get started, but it is commitment that keeps us going. Nothing of lasting value and impact happens without commitment.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

NEHEMIAH 10:32-39 (NIV)

### THE AGREEMENT OF THE PEOPLE

<sup>32</sup> *"We assume the responsibility for carrying out the commands to give a third of a shekel each year for the service of the house of our God: <sup>33</sup> for the bread set out on the table; for the regular grain offerings and burnt offerings; for the offerings on the Sabbaths, at the New Moon feasts and at the appointed festivals; for the holy offerings; for sin offerings to make atonement for Israel; and for all the duties of the house of our God.*

<sup>34</sup> *"We—the priests, the Levites and the people—have cast lots to determine when each of our families is to bring to the house of our God at set times each year a contribution of wood to burn on the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the Law.*

<sup>35</sup> *"We also assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the Lord each year the firstfruits of our crops and of every fruit tree.*

<sup>36</sup> *"As it is also written in the Law, we will bring the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, of our herds and of our flocks to the house of our God, to the priests ministering there.*

<sup>37</sup> *"Moreover, we will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God, to the priests, the first of our ground meal, of our grain offerings, of the fruit of all our trees and of our new wine and olive oil. And we will bring a tithe of our crops to the Levites, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all the towns where we work. <sup>38</sup> A priest descended from*

*Aaron is to accompany the Levites when they receive the tithes, and the Levites are to bring a tenth of the tithes up to the house of our God, to the storerooms of the treasury.<sup>39</sup> The people of Israel, including the Levites, are to bring their contributions of grain, new wine and olive oil to the storerooms, where the articles for the sanctuary and for the ministering priests, the gatekeepers and the musicians are also kept.*

*“We will not neglect the house of our God.”*

PERSONAL READING & OBSERVATIONS

NEHEMIAH 10:32-39

Why do you think the priority of “firstfruits” (Nehemiah 10:35); “firstborn” (Nehemiah 10:36); “the first” (Nehemiah 10:37) is mentioned and significant? How is first different from second, or last, or leftovers?

Why do you think all these people made an agreement saying, “We will not neglect the house of our God”? (Nehemiah 10:39)

Looking back, why do you think the confessions of the people (Nehemiah 8 & 9) preceded their commitment?





**WATCH JEFF'S WEEK 6 VIDEO:  
COMMITMENT**

**DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR GROUPS**

Describe a time when you made a commitment to someone or some goal and it had a lasting impact.

What from this week's Scripture passage stood out to you as interesting or significant?

What part of our weekend message encouraged or challenged you and why?

If you have made a commitment to the Rise Up campaign, how has the journey to your commitment impacted your relationship with God?

**PRAYER**

*Ask God to prompt each person at The Compass Church to make a commitment that will grow their faith and will encourage our church family. Pray that each person will commit to give "thoughtfully and cheerfully." (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

## COMPASSKIDS CORNER

## A FAMILY ACTIVITY &amp; DISCUSSION GUIDE



Go online and print out a family crest template or simply draw a shield and divide it into three or four sections. Have your child draw things that are important to your family in the sections. You may even want to create a short family motto and write that on the shield.



Nehemiah 10:32-39



After the wall around Jerusalem was rebuilt, the people made a commitment to obey all the laws of God. They signed this agreement with their family seal. A long time ago, families would create family seals which were like the family crest or coat of arms we created. This identified their family and showed people what was important to them – what they were devoted to. It was important for the families of Jerusalem to show their commitment to follow God and His good commands.



- Why do you think Nehemiah and the people put their commitment to God in writing?
- Have you ever put something in writing that you committed to; like a code of conduct at school or an activity? Do you think this is important?
- Why do you think Nehemiah lists out all the names of the people who committed to this agreement?
- What are the things that your family is committed to?
- How can your family commit to help build the new church building and to support out church partners Here, Near & Far?



Let's pray that we would commit ourselves to carrying out the great work God has in store for us and our church.