



**WEEK 4**

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# GOOD LEADERS SERVE OTHERS

**NEHEMIAH 5**

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## REFLECTIONS

Take time to reflect on one thing from your week.  
What stood out for you in the sermon?

## DIVING DEEPER

- Some Israelites are financially enslaving the poor through high interest rates (usury). How does Nehemiah respond to this?
- What are the two factors that drive his response in v9? Why do they both matter? How does that affect the way we respond to wrongdoing as Christians? (Note - Guide them toward God's glory & our witness)
- This is the first internal threat to the building of the wall and it comes from leadership (nobles and officials). Why is it important for Nehemiah not to tolerate this? What lessons can we learn from this as a church?

## APPLICATION CHALLENGE

Nehemiah chooses not to place a burden on the people by requiring them to fulfill the food allotment due him. How is Nehemiah's behaviour different from the nobles and officials? How is it similar to the way Jesus led?

This week, what is one practical way we can lead like Nehemiah and Jesus?

→ Historical definition of "usury"