QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe the most relaxing vacation you ever

 experienced. What made the vacation restful for you?

2. What things prevent a person from feeling rested?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about

 rest:

 a) Psalm 37:7

b) Psalm 127:2

c) Ecclesiastes 4:6

d) Ezekiel 34:15

e) Matthew 11:28

f) Mark 6:31

g) Hebrews 4:9-10

4. Why do Christians *not* observe the Sabbath?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to turn off my cell phone, television, and computer for at least two hours this week and take a rest from technology.
* I am going to going to set aside at least one hour each week for the next four weeks to do something I consider “restful.”
* I am going to memorize Hebrews 4:9-10.

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Nehemiah 13:10-22 Study Series #25

***The Sabbath Rest***

**I. Introduction**

 A. God Bless Your Rest!

 (See Genesis 2:2-3)

 B. The Sabbath Rest for the Believer

 (See Exodus 16:23; Exodus 20:8-11; Exodus 31:13;

 Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1;

 Hebrews 4:9-10; Mark 2:27)

 C. The Tithe is Restored

 (See Nehemiah 13:4-8; Nehemiah 13:10-14; Exodus 30:34;

 Leviticus 2:1-6; Leviticus 6:15; Leviticus 24:7;

 Deuteronomy 18:3; Nehemiah 10:37; Malachi 3:7-12;

 Deuteronomy 12:19; Matthew 6:21)

**II. The Sabbath Rest**

 A. Nehemiah Sees the Sabbath Violated

 (See Nehemiah 13:15-16; Deuteronomy 5:12-15;

 Exodus 34:21; Jeremiah 17:22; Mark 6:31; Psalm 127:2)

 B. Nehemiah Admonishes the People

 (See Nehemiah 13:17-18; Jeremiah 17:19-27;

 Ezekiel 20:12-24)

 C. Nehemiah Shuts the Gates

 (See Nehemiah 13:19; Leviticus 23:32)

 D. Nehemiah Warns the Merchants

 (See Nehemiah 13:20-21)

 E. Nehemiah Sets Apart the Levites

 (See Nehemiah 13:22)

**III. Conclusion**

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

Nehemiah 13:10-22

**10**I also discovered that the portions of the Levites had not been given *them*, so that the Levites and the singers who performed the service had gone away, each to his own field. **11**So I reprimanded the officials and said, “Why is the house of God forsaken?” Then I gathered them together and restored them to their posts. **12**All Judah then brought the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses…**14**Remember me for this, O my God, and do not blot out my loyal deeds which I have performed for the house of my God and its services.

**15**In those days I saw in Judah some who were treading wine presses on the Sabbath and bringing in sacks of grain and loading *them* on donkeys, as well as wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, and they brought *them* into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. So, I admonished *them* on the day they sold food. **16**Also men of Tyre were living there *who* imported fish and all kinds of merchandise and sold *them* to the sons of Judah on the Sabbath, even in Jerusalem. **17**Then I reprimanded the nobles of Judah and said to them, “What is this evil thing you are doing, by profaning the Sabbath day? **18**Did not your fathers do the same, so that our God brought on us and on this city all this trouble? Yet you are adding to the wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath.”

**19**It came about that just as it grew dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and that they should not open them until after the Sabbath. Then I stationed some of my servants at the gates *so that* no load would enter on the Sabbath day. **20**Once or twice the traders and merchants of every kind of merchandise spent the night outside Jerusalem. **21**Then I warned them and said to them, “Why do you spend the night in front of the wall? If you do so again, I will use force against you.” From that time on they did not come on the Sabbath. **22**And I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves and come as gatekeepers to sanctify the Sabbath day. *For* this also remember me, O my God, and have compassion on me according to the greatness of Your lovingkindness.

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