QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you became angry. How did

 you deal with your anger? Would you do anything differently next

 time?

2. In what ways do we see people exploited in our society today?

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

 helping others:

 a) Deuteronomy 15:11

b) Proverbs 3:27

 c) Proverbs 22:9

d) Luke 6:38

 e) Galatians 6:2

f) Philippians 2:4

g) Hebrews 13:16

4. What is the difference between righteous anger and unrighteous

 anger?

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

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

* I am going to deal with areas of anger within my life.
* I am going to help someone in need this week.
* I am going to memorize Galatians 6:2.

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Nehemiah 5:1-13 Study Series #09

***Nehemiah Faces Opposition***

***through Exploitation***

**I. Introduction**

 (See Nehemiah 2:19; Nehemiah 4:1-6; Nehemiah 4:7-9;

 Nehemiah 4:10-23; Acts 4:1-3; Acts 4:23-31; Acts 5:1-11)

**II. Nehemiah Faces Opposition through Exploitation**

 A. The Outcry of the People

 (See Nehemiah 5:1-5; Nehemiah 2:10; Nehemiah 2:19;

 Leviticus 25:35; Deuteronomy 15:7; Exodus 22:25;

 Leviticus 25:37; Nehemiah 5:3; Matthew 6:11; Luke 11:3)

 B. Nehemiah Responds to the Complaint

 (See Nehemiah 5:6; Ephesians 4:26; James 1:20;

 Proverbs 22:24-25; Matthew 21:12; Mark 11:15; John 2:15;

 John 10:10; Nehemiah 5:7; Leviticus 25:36;

 Deuteronomy 19:15; Matthew 18:16; I Timothy 5:19;

 Matthew 18:15-18)

 C. Nehemiah Confronts the Leaders

 (See Nehemiah 5:8-10; Leviticus 25:36-37)

 D. Nehemiah’s Solution

 (See Nehemiah 5:11; Luke 19:8-9; Exodus 8:6-15)

 E. The Leaders Respond to Nehemiah

 (See Nehemiah 5:12-13; Numbers 30:2; Leviticus 19:12;

 Deuteronomy 6:13; Deuteronomy 23:21-23)

**III. Conclusion**

**IV. Communion**

Communion at Cornerstone Church is open for all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You do not have to be a member of Cornerstone or a member of a Southern Baptist Church to observe Communion with us. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture commands that you refrain taking Communion. (I Cor 11:26-31)

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 5:1-13

**1**Now there was a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers. **2**For there were those who said, “We, our sons and our daughters are many; therefore let us get grain that we may eat and live.” **3**There were others who said, “We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our houses that we might get grain because of the famine.” **4**Also there were those who said, “We have borrowed money for the king’s tax *on* our fields and our vineyards. **5**Now our flesh is like the flesh of our brothers, our children like their children. Yet behold, we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters are forced into bondage *already*, and we are helpless because our fields and vineyards belong to others.”**6**Then I was very angry when I had heard their outcry and these words. **7**I consulted with myself and contended with the nobles and the rulers and said to them, “You are exacting usury, each from his brother!” Therefore, I held a great assembly against them. **8**I said to them, “We according to our ability have redeemed our Jewish brothers who were sold to the nations; now would you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us?” Then they were silent and could not find a word *to say*. **9**Again I said, “The thing which you are doing is not good; should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations, our enemies? **10**And likewise I, my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Please, let us leave off this usury. **11**Please, give back to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive groves and their houses, also the hundredth *part* of the money and of the grain, the new wine and the oil that you are exacting from them.” **12**Then they said, “We will give *it* back and will require nothing from them; we will do exactly as you say.” So I called the priests and took an oath from them that they would do according to this promise. **13**I also shook out the front of my garment and said, “Thus may God shake out every man from his house and from his possessions who does not fulfill this promise; even thus may he be shaken out and emptied.” And all the assembly said, “Amen!” And they praised the Lord. Then the people did according to this promise.

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