

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### *Nehemiah 5:1-13*

#### **Review**

- How do you respond when something or someone really makes you angry? Why do you think you respond in this way?
- Have there been times in your own life when problems with fellow Christians have been difficult and time consuming? How have you resolved the issues?
- When you read this Bible passage, what particular verse or phrase stands out?

#### **Remind**

- Who are the "Haves" and the "Have-Nots" in the passage (v.1, v.7)?
- What were the 3 main complaints that the "Have-Nots" were protesting about (v.2-4)?
- What was God's Law about appropriate lending practices for His people (Deuteronomy 23:19-20, Exodus 22:25)?
- What were God's regulations about slavery (Leviticus 25:35-40)?
- On hearing the complaints from the "Have-Nots", how does Nehemiah respond (v.6-7)?

#### **Respond**

- Finance and 'money management' remains a key worry for many people. What have you learnt from this Bible passage that helps to address any of your concerns in this area?
- On what occasions, if any, is it right for Christians to be "righteously angry", i.e. burning with anger yet without sin?
- The way that Nehemiah confronts the "Haves" is the same as what Jesus taught (Matthew 18:15-17). Are there areas in your Christian life that need to follow more closely to Bible teaching? What practical action will you be taking?