

# Where's Your Chair?

Nehemiah 11 1-6



All nations you have made shall come and worship you,  
O Lord, and shall glorify your name.  
Psalm 86:9

## **Praising:**

Here from all nations, all tongues,  
and all peoples,  
countless the crowd but their  
voices are one;  
vast is the sight and majestic their  
singing –  
'God has the victory: he reigns  
from the throne!'

## **Reading:**

Nehemiah 11:1-6  
Those who lived in Jerusalem

Verse six is probably far enough!  
It's another of Nehemiah's  
census lists, working  
systematically through people,  
professions and places. Since it  
isn't possible to squeeze  
everyone into Jerusalem,  
Nehemiah reveals how the  
decision is made about who will  
finally live there. One out of ten of  
the inhabitants of the surrounding

Judean towns is chosen by lot to  
live in what has become  
designated God's 'holy city' of  
Jerusalem. What's clear is that  
the selected 10% re-locate  
themselves with the whole-  
hearted support and  
encouragement of their  
respective communities. Having  
laboured so hard to restore  
Jerusalem to its former glory, it's  
as though each household or clan  
rejoices to see their  
representatives at last taking up  
residence. Their readiness to  
make the move suggests they  
see the opportunity as a special  
spiritual honour.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

It's good to remember Lord that  
you have put us where you want  
us to be

- with neighbours to remember,  
look out for and bear witness  
to
- with a community to take my  
place in and contribute to
- with a church family to  
worship, pray and learn with

Father: grant me that sense of  
being called to this place at this  
time, and having put me here,  
show me what it is that you want  
me to do for you, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Doing:**

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