



Tapestry

Week Five
Ne. 10:39b, 13:4-9

General:

- What stands out to you about the example of Borders drifting from who they were? Where have you seen slow drift in your own life?
- Pastor Chip said "We Do Jesus" has received both deep appreciation and strong resistance over the years. Why do you think a simple focus on Jesus can feel so compelling to some and uncomfortable to others? What does that reveal about human nature?
- Nehemiah 10:39 says: "We will not neglect the house of our God." What does that look like practically in your current season of life?
- Eliashib allowed outside influence into the temple. What kinds of influences (voices, priorities, agendas) most easily gain quiet authority in your life without you noticing?
- Nehemiah calls the situation evil and responds decisively. How do you typically respond when you realize something in your life is misaligned with God's heart? (Slow adjustment, avoidance, or decisive change?)
- What are your immediate thoughts after hearing the story of the life-saving station? How does this story challenge or encourage your view of the Church's mission?
- What is one action item you believe you need to take as a result of this message of "We Do Jesus?"

Take Home 1: Spiritual drift is almost always an issue within (Ne. 13:7)

- What are subtle signs in your own life that might indicate spiritual drift (less prayer, less compassion, less hunger for truth, something else)?
- Where might your confidence be resting more on people or systems than on God?
- Pastor Chip mentioned several quotes about Spiritual drift (prioritizing today's urgency, focusing on external threats, sidelining Scripture, etc.). Which one speaks to you the most in this season?
- Scripture is meant to anchor us, not simply inform us. If someone observed your daily rhythms, what would they say is anchoring your life? God's Word or external pressures?

Take Home 2: Partisan political alignment doesn't just divide the church from the culture, it divides Christianity from its own moral authority

- Pastor Chip warned that when polarization, tribalism, or identity badges become the loudest voices, the message of Jesus gets muted. What kinds of issues or affiliations have you seen become louder than the Gospel itself?
- Where have you seen good causes or strong opinions unintentionally create distance between believers instead of unity?
- When conversations consistently revolve around certain topics, they begin shaping culture. What topics tend to dominate Christian conversations today, and how often do they actually point people toward Jesus?
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- Pastor Chip addressed the issues behind the idea "If we don't act we will lose our freedoms" and how this conflicts with the heart and focus of Scripture. When does the pursuit of preserving our way of life begin to compete with the mission of living and sharing the gospel?

Take Home 3: If we lose our focus for reaching the unchurched, we end up replacing the mission (Ne. 13:8)

- What good things in your life might quietly be crowding out the primary mission Jesus has given His followers?
- When you think about your Christian life, would you describe yourself as intentionally "on mission," occasionally available, or mostly inward-focused? What leads you to that answer?