**Nehemiah 13: 1 - 14**

**Purify Us, Part 1**

1.  Look back at Deuteronomy 23: 3 - 5 and Numbers 22 - 24 to understand the background to the Moabite and Ammonite exclusion.  Why do you think God made this command in Moses' and Nehemiah's day?  Why do you think Ruth as a Moabite was allowed to worship?  See also 1 King 8: 41 - 43.

2.  Seeing today that God's command in Matthew 28: 18 - 20, Acts 1: 8 and also 1 Corinthians 14: 23 - 25, are other ethnic groups allowed to worship in the church today?  How about unbelievers?  How can you be more pure in your worship of God?

3.  Summarize Eliashib's violation. Recount the verbs used to describe Nehemiah's response in vv. 7 - 9.  How is Nehemiah a model for shaping up the worship of God?  What are some ways that people might take personal advantage of what belongs to God?

4.  What can you do to make sure that you faithful in giving your time and money to God's house and service?