

Nehemiah: Commitment

Nehemiah 9-10

Commitment is the key component that you and I bring to our spiritual growth.

True commitment is always based on our true beliefs.

Nehemiah 9:38; Nehemiah 9:5-6; Nehemiah 9:16-17; Nehemiah 9:32-37

Commitment is strengthened in community

Nehemiah 9:38; Nehemiah 10:28-29

Commitment will change our lives.

Nehemiah 10:30; Nehemiah 10:31; Nehemiah 10:39

Considerations for the week

Effects. It is well-known that obedience to God can bring positive effects in a life, sometimes including economic benefits. Why might this be? See Nehemiah 10:31-39.

Marriage. Why were Israelites to marry only those of like faith? See Exodus 23:32-33, 34:12-16 and I Kings 11:4. Is this also true for Christians today?

Beliefs. Make note of things you believe in, that define who you are – ideas, philosophies, truths, people, doctrine, logic, tenets, suppositions, ideologies, convictions. Review your notes and comment upon what they illustrate about your beliefs.

Actions. Consider your actions in daily life. How do these relate to your beliefs? Maybe talk about it with someone who knows you well, to help you understand when your beliefs and actions may be consistent or may not be completely aligned.

Consistency. When our actions and our beliefs are not aligned, what does that say about each?

Commitment. Sometimes we make a personal commitment, and sometimes we make a public commitment. Distinguish the significance of each, as well as the way in which each may (or may not) be carried out.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.

– C. S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*

Scripture read today during worship:

Romans 12:1-2

Titus 2:11-14

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

Baby dedication

Hymn, *Praise*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Hymn, *What Child Is This?*

Offertory

Reading

Special music, *Real*

Message

Hymn of response, *O Come to the Altar*

Benediction

Postlude

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Women's Bible study resumes in the new year.
Men's Bible study will resume in the new year

Wednesday events will resume on January 8:

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program will resume January 9 – conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

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Our website is at <https://rtbc.faith>

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New Year's Eve

Tuesday evening, 7-9 pm

Here in Fellowship Hall

Family game night and prayer time

Bring left-overs to share, or just come – there'll be plenty!

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.