

## **STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 25**

- 1. What did Nehemiah seek to accomplish as Governor of Jerusalem? Was he successful? Why or why not?**
- 2. Why do you think the story of Esther was included in the Bible? Who are the main characters in the story? Who are the heroes? Why? Who is the villain? Why? Is God a character in the story? If not, why not? If so, where is God found in the story and what is God doing?**
- 3. Can the Israelites follow and uphold God's law in the midst of foreign lands and foreign peoples? How would Ezra and Nehemiah answer that question? How do you know? How would the author of Esther answer it? How do you know?**
- 4. What is Wisdom literature? Why is it included in the Bible? How does the Book of Job fit with this genre of literature? (Hint: To answer these questions, read the introduction to Job and the wisdom literature section in your Bible or Study Bible. You may also want to read about wisdom literature in a Bible Dictionary, which you can find either online or at the library)**
- 5. What is an apostle? Why do you feel the early apostles were so successful in converting people to following Jesus? What did they do? How did they live? For what did they pray?**
- 6. Why do Peter and the other apostles continue to preach and teach in the name of Jesus after being arrested, jailed, and whipped? How does Gamaliel propose the High Council respond to the apostles and followers of Jesus? Why? What is the outcome? What does this say to you about the Christian faith?**
- 7. What problem develops among the disciples in Acts 6? How is it resolved? How does this benefit the apostles?**
- 8. Who is Stephen? What does he do before the High Council? Why? What is the Council's response? Why? What does this say about the Word of God?**