

Airing Out Our Dirty Laundry

Nehemiah 5:1-19

The Problem: _____ **We Have Dirty Laundry** Vss. 1 – 5

The reason that churches split is not primarily from
_____ sources, but rather from

_____ ones.

What kind of problems do we have like that?

The Rebuke: _____ **instead of** _____ **our**
brothers and sisters. Vss. 6 – 11

1) Do not take _____ of others during times of
crisis.

2) This kind of behavior is a
_____.

3) Most the divisiveness in the church comes from the key
_____ and _____.

The Response: Just _____ Vss. 12 – 13

Words are _____.

God will shake out the dirty laundry of the church and those who
are _____ rather than
_____ will be tossed out.

The Example: I need to be a _____ Vss. 14 – 19

A leader's authority means a greater
_____.

Conclusion

We need to become the _____, not the
_____ of
the problem.

How might I do this?

Questions for Discussion

- Why does 21st Century America seem to have no problems openly sharing their problems and issues?
- Why do Asian cultures tend to hide issues from others, even within the church? Give examples.
- Discuss examples of how our 'dirty laundry' is hidden.
- Where would you feel safe sharing your personal issues with others? Why?
- What can I personally do to be a part of the solution, not the problem?