

Prep Packet 2019

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GLOSSARY

Reign Ministries: Reign Ministries is a parent organization that has multiple ministry divisions working underneath its umbrella. Each division is responsible for fulfilling Reign Ministries' vision within its specific focus.

Reign Ministries Staff: Refers to any Reign Ministries staff members regardless of what division they minister under.

Royal Servants: A division of Reign Ministries which facilitates summer mission trips for those who are 13-18 years old, as well as college age students.

Royal Servants Staff: Royal Servants staff refers to a Reign Ministries staff member working specifically in the Royal Servants division.

Trip Leader(s): Reign Ministries staff member(s) responsible for the leadership of a Royal Servants mission trip.

Leadership Team: Made up of at least one Reign Ministries staff member and other qualified volunteer participants (Assistants).

Staff Discipler: Typically a college-age volunteer (19+) who functions as a small group leader for 2-4 students.

Student: Royal Servants mission trip participant typically ages 13-18.

Participant: With the exclusion of Reign Ministries staff, a participant is any member involved on a Royal Servants mission trip.

ROYAL SERVANTS

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Read below for information about the Participant Support Staff

Contact Information

GENERAL SUMMER RELATED QUESTIONS

Direct these questions to the Participant Support Staff mentioned above. Your Participant Support Staff is a Reign Ministries staff member who is committed to serving you. They will make a strong effort to get back to you upon contact; however, if you don't hear from them soon after your email, please contact the Reign Ministries office.

You can direct questions to the Participant Support Staff up until Training Camp. After May 31st, questions will need to be directed to the Training Camp phone number (to be provided in late spring) or to royalservants@reignministries.org.

QUESTIONS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO YOUR SUPPORT ACCOUNT

Direct these questions to a Royal Servants staff working at the Reign Ministries office. Email us at: support@reignministries.org or call 763.535.9555. If you get our voicemail, press 1 for the Royal Servants extension then 3 for questions regarding support or your account. Depending on the question, you may be directed to the specific Trip Leader.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO YOUR SPECIFIC TRIP

Direct these questions to a Reign Ministries Staff. Email us at royalservants@reignministries.org or call 763.535.9555. Press 1 if you get our voicemail. Depending on the question, you may be directed to the specific Trip Leader.

Welcome

Welcome to the Nehemiah Team! Inside this packet is all the information you need to prepare for this summer. This packet is designed to give you details about the Nehemiah team, due dates, support raising, and more. Some of the information will look very familiar to you, **but this Prep Packet differs from the packet you received your last summer, so read every word.** Please read through the Prep Packet thoroughly before you do anything else.

MEMORIZATION

You must come to Training Camp prepared to recite all verses and materials that you memorized during your previous summer with Royal Servants. You will be tested the evening you arrive.

Please refer to the memory work envelope enclosed within your folder. If you were a student on Royal Servants before 2018, please contact Tom Ives or the Reign Ministries office for the memory work that applies to you.

PREPARATION ASSIGNMENTS

In preparation for the summer, you will complete three assignments that are designed to begin the learning process and prepare for all that God wants you to experience as part of the Nehemiah Team. These are not just busy-work assignments so we can say students jumped through hoops in order to go on the team. They are important research papers and books that will teach, enrich, and prepare each student. Each paper will be read for content and effort put into it. If not done satisfactorily, the assignments will be returned and students will be asked to revise and resubmit them. Papers will be returned to students at Training Camp and each topic will be discussed.

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Inventory	StrengthsFinder	March 15 th
3-4 Page Research Paper	One of the topics listed below, to be decided by Trip Leader	April 15 th
500 Word Book Report	TBD - Tom Ives will email you with information	May 15 th

Each assignment should be completed according to the guidelines explained under “Welcome,” and submitted by email to Tom Ives (tives@reignministries.org) and Holly Duke (hduke@reignministries.org) by the due dates listed. If you are going to be late, please call ahead of time to discuss your situation.

Research Paper Topics

You are required to choose a topic to research and write a paper on. There are three topics to choose from. Your choices are: “*How can a loving God allow evil and suffering?*”, “*How can a loving God send a sincere and good person to hell?*”, or “*Is Christianity the only way?*”

We will have panel discussions on these three topics at Training Camp, and you will be one of the team’s “experts” on the topic assigned to you. Please email Tom Ives your first and second choices from the previously mentioned topics. We will then use these discussions to further equip and train our team in how to handle these questions when posed by those we are sharing our faith with overseas.

Once you have been assigned your topic, we want you to write with the perspective of sharing this information with someone who may be struggling in these areas. Leadership will be reading your research papers and book reports and making comments on them.

Inventory

You'll need to take an assessment as part of the Nehemiah curriculum and teaching this summer.

The StrengthsFinder Test: Instructions for the online inventory and an access code will be emailed to you as the due date approaches. After you complete the assessment, your results will be forwarded to our Strengths Finder coach who will be coming to Training Camp to coach us in strengths development.

By applying your access code, you're entitled to a free copy of the StrengthsFinder 2.0 e-book, which will help you understand the StrengthsFinder assessment and the 34 themes. To download the e-book, sign in to your account and click Download My E-Book on your dashboard. This is recommended reading, but not required.

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

1. For research paper: in addition to the Bible, use a minimum of three (3) sources (books and commentaries) for the 3-4 page papers. You might want to ask your pastor, youth pastor, and/or professors for suggestions.
2. Include a bibliography of all sources. Please use the following format:
Author: Last, First, and Middle Initial. *Book Title* (italicized).
Publisher, City. Copyright Year.
Page (pp) Numbers
Example:
Noebel, David A. *Understanding The Times*.
Harvest House Publishers, Eugene Oregon. 1991.
PP 252-258
4. Put your name at the top right corner on the front page of all assignments and use page numbers.
5. Please email the assignments to Tom Ives (tives@reignministries.org) and Holly Duke (hduke@reignministries.org) as Word Documents or PDFs by midnight PST on the date they are due.
6. If it is not possible to email your assignments, then please send them to the Reign Ministries Office at: 5401 W Broadway Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55428. No hand-written papers.

WHO GETS TO GO ON NEHEMIAH?

Students are recommended for the Nehemiah Trip because they have demonstrated the following qualities to their previous trip leadership:

- Teachable spirit
- Take initiative
- Display responsibility
- Show leadership potential
- Maturity in faith
- Invest self fully (hard working)

Students who are invited to participate on the Nehemiah Team must fill out a Royal Servants Nehemiah registration form online or mail in a paper copy. We then will send a Church Reference Form to the indicated pastor (also may be filled out by a member of the mission committee or the youth leader). We want to make sure there is a spiritual authority and accountability in the life of all those participating in Royal Servants. If this is not possible, please contact Royal Servants to discuss options.

Once the registration is submitted, the Church Reference Form is returned, and the \$300 deposit is received, the participant is accepted. Reign Ministries reserves the right to deny participation to any individual that Reign Ministries believes holds beliefs or practices that are outside of traditional Christian teaching.

NEHEMIAH MISSION SUMMARY

The following is a detailed explanation of the Royal Servants Nehemiah Team’s mission trip. Please become familiar with this so you will be able to comfortably explain the summer and answer most questions of your potential financial supporters.

Purpose:

- To develop a world vision for the lost
- To grow in relationship with Jesus, to learn about His life and ministry, and to apply what that means to us as we follow Him
- To gain exposure to foreign missions
- To share the Gospel with those who are not believers who are followers of other world religions
- To develop a personal sense of leadership and calling

Ministry:

- Training Camp: Create healthy team dynamics, begin experiences of peer leadership, and set ministry and spiritual trajectories for the coming ministry contexts
- Overseas ministry: In Israel we will enter into a land full of Biblical insight and heritage as students of the land and its people. We will engage with the people of Jerusalem – Jewish, Muslim, and Christian – as we seek to bring the Peace of Christ into a land wrought with historical and current religious strife.
- Debriefing: Just as it is important to train students at Training Camp to go to the mission field, it is equally important to train them to go home after a summer of working for the Lord. Evaluation and goal setting sessions teach students how to come down from a “spiritual high” without crashing, and how to get involved in their local church and youth group.

FINANCES

The cost of the Nehemiah Team is \$6250.00. Each student will also need \$565.00 in additional spending money. The total funds needed to participate on the Nehemiah Team are \$6815.00. This amount is substantially more than the amount for other Royal Servants Teams so students will need to be diligent in prayer and effort during the months leading up to the summer. The following due dates are important for you to adhere to in establishing your support raising goals.

Deposit:	\$ 300.00	Due with Registration form
Support Goal One	\$1430.00	Due by Feb. 15 th
Support Goal Two	\$1430.00	Due by March 15 th
Support Goal Three	\$1430.00	Due by April 15 th
Personal Funds	\$ 400.00	Due by May 15 th
Church Support	\$ 400.00	Due by May 15 th
Support Goal Four	\$1425.00	Due by June 1st
Total Funds:	\$6815.00	