

Group/Individual Study

Series: Nehemiah: Rebuild, Restore, Renew

Passages: Nehemiah 8:1-10

REFLECT on the message heard Sunday, 3/4

1. Read Nehemiah 8:1-10. The completion of the wall created conditions in which spiritual revival could more easily happen. Why might it have been hard for revival to happen when there were no walls of protection? Are there parts of your life that need to be protected so that God's renewing work can best happen in you?
2. Read Nehemiah 8:1-2 and Hebrews 10:25. What role does coming together with other believers have in spiritual renewal? What individuals and communities are most conducive for spiritual renewal in your life? Do you have as much Christian community as you need? If not, what steps could you take to address this?
3. Read Nehemiah 8:3, 7-8. There's a saying, "A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to a person who isn't." When have you felt the renewing and reviving effect of God's Word? How consistently are you getting into God's Word in this season of life? What helps you take in God's Word on a regular basis?
4. Read Nehemiah 8:6. Worship played a big role in the revival of the love of God that the people experienced. Tell about a time when you were deeply ministered to in a time of worship. What types of environments are most helpful for your worship? Can we worship alone, too? How?
5. Read Nehemiah 8:9. The reading of God's word led to people feeling deep conviction about how far off track they had been spiritually. How can conviction and repentance be a life-giving part of spiritual renewal? What is the difference between "godly conviction" and worldly guilt? Does "repentance" sound positive or negative to your heart? Explain.
6. Read Nehemiah 8:10. This verse contains a wonderful and provocative statement: "...the joy of the Lord is your strength." Talk about the role "the joy of the Lord" plays in the lives of Christ-followers? How can we live with more joy? What are some godly steps we can take when we find that our "joy quotient" is too low?