

# BEYOND SUNDAY

Built to Worship — 8.24.25

## **A Joyful Noise!** — *Nehemiah 12:27–47* — Mark Turney

- 1. Icebreaker – Joy that Shakes:** What's the loudest or most joyful crowd you've ever been part of (concert, game, celebration)? How did it feel to be swept up in that moment?
- 2. Reading Scripture Together:** Read Nehemiah 12:27–30. Why do you think Nehemiah made such a big deal about dedicating the wall? What does that teach us about marking milestones in our own lives and church?
- 3. Personal Reflection – God's Faithfulness:** The wall represented God's faithfulness more than bricks and mortar. Looking back, where have you seen God's faithfulness in your own life or family?
- 4. Purification Before Celebration:** Verse 30 says they purified themselves before celebrating. What might that look like for us today in how we approach worship?

- 5. Unity as One Church:** Nehemiah appointed two choirs that circled the city but met together at the temple (vv. 31–42). How is that a picture of our church having two services but one mission?
  
- 6. Overcoming the Scoffers:** Earlier in Nehemiah, enemies mocked the wall as weak (Nehemiah 4:3). What “voices of doubt or scoffing” do you encounter today—whether from others or even inside yourself? How does God’s faithfulness silence those voices?
  
- 7. Relating to Change:** For some, marching in two choirs may have felt uncomfortable. For us, moving to two services can feel the same. How are you personally experiencing this transition, and how can joy carry us through times of change?
  
- 8. The Next Generation Rejoicing:** Verse 43 emphasizes that women and children rejoiced too. Why do you think that detail is included? How have you seen children’s joy in worship inspire or challenge your own faith?
  
- 9. Mission and Legacy:** Our church’s new mission statement is “To know Jesus deeply, follow Him faithfully, and guide the next generation to do the same.” Which part of that mission statement excites you most? Which part challenges you most?
  
- 10. Carrying Joy Forward:** Nehemiah’s celebration wasn’t just about one day—it pointed to ongoing worship. What’s one way you can help God’s joy overflow into your home, your neighborhood, or your workplace this week?