

Nehemiah: The Heart of a Builder
“Revival”
Nehemiah 8

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There was a Spiritual Hunger (8:1-4)

There was a Spiritual Response (8:5-6)

There was a Spiritual Awakening (8:7-18)

A Spiritual Revival

Nehemiah Chapter 8

Questions for personal or small group study and reflection:

1. Do you long for God's Word? What does that feel like? What is the difference between wanting to know about God and wanting to know God?
2. What is the ultimate source of authority in your life? Do you revere God's Word? What does that really mean?
3. What is your natural response to hearing God's Word? Why were the people weeping after listening to it? How can you be more spontaneous/uninhibited in worship?
4. How did the leaders help the people understand what the Book of the Law was saying?
5. Why did Nehemiah and the leaders want the people to celebrate instead of mourn and weep? Which of these comes more easily to you? Why?
6. What was the reason for the people's great joy? Why does obeying God's Word create such great joy? How are they related to one another? How can we have joy in the midst of the conviction of sin and repentance?
7. What has God revealed to you thru His Word recently? What is He asking you to do that may seem ridiculous/foolhardy but it is His will for you? What motivates your own obedience to God? (Is it duty, image, fear, love?)
8. What is at the heart of revival? Do you sense you need a personal revival/renewal of your faith, and hungering after God's Word? Explain why. Pray for God's revival to take place in your life, in our church, and in our city!