

Nehemiah 7 & 8

Time to Celebrate

HOOK:

- 1) Birthday, Christmas, Anniversary, Easter...rate them according to your favorite. (be honest)
- 2) What makes a celebration worthy of celebrating?
- 3) What is the definition of "The Church"?

BOOK:

- 1) The wall was built. What did Jerusalem look like?
- 2) (Ch 7) Why are the Jews so interested in genealogies?
- 3) Did Nehemiah act like everything had been accomplished after the building of the wall in 52 days?
- 4) 7:73 is a key verse to understanding chapter 7. What does it sound like Nehemiah is doing?
- 5) On the first day of the seventh month, the people had a request. What was it? (8:1)
- 6) Ezra 7:10 gives an understanding about Nehemiah's need for Ezra. What was it?
- 7) Ezra 7:6, 9 give us another understand which Nehemiah already knew. What was it?
- 8) Why was Nehemiah sure Ezra was the perfect choice to start the revival? Ezra 9:3, 6.
- 9) How many years had passed since Ezra began this revival? (14)
- 10) The Book of Deuteronomy is likely the book being read. Why did it have such an emotional impact on the people? (See 8:9)
- 11) Why was this feast called for? (Lev 23:37-43)
- 12) Nehemiah says that the feast of the Tabernacles had not been celebrated since the days of Joshua. Though we know it was conducted during those times, did Nehemiah mean something? (participating vs celebrating)

LOOK:

- 1) 2 Timothy 2:15 show a lot of understanding of Nehemiah's principles. Name some from this passage.
- 2) Have you ever felt like Nehemiah's people... they didn't understand the Word?
- 3) What do you do when you don't understand the Word? (be honest)
- 4) What attributes of Ezra should a leader have? Should other people, regular members of the congregation, have the same attributes?
- 5) What happened in Jerusalem which got these people ready to build and have a revival? (the word was read, confessing sins, right-mindedness, one with the Lord)
- 6) What is a revival?
- 7) What does it mean "the joy of the lord is your strength"?
- 8) Do you have difficulty proclaiming "Amen!" in church settings?
- 9) What is the general difference between European churches and American churches? (people)
- 10) What is the similarity which Jerusalem had with this contrast of Euro churches and U.S. churches?

TOOK:

- 1) What is good about singing hymns and songs of praise?
- 2) Where will you find joy in the Lord this week?
- 3) Psalm 119:1-48 (**will take about 4 minutes!!**)

The joy of the LORD is my strength (clap-clap)
The joy of the LORD is my strength (clap-clap)
The joy of the LORD is my strength (clap-clap)
Oh, the joy of the LORD is my strength. (clap-clap -clap)

He gives me living water and I thirst no more (clap-clap)
He gives me living water and I thirst no more (clap-clap)
He gives me living water and I thirst no more (clap-clap)
For the joy of the LORD is my strength (clap-clap-clap)