



Nehemiah

Week 7: Water Gate Revival | Teacher: Libin Abraham

Sermon Questions for 11.16.2025

Opener

Have you ever been a part of a powerful move of God, revival, or something that really changed you and those who were with you?

Read

Nehemiah 8; Psalm 119:1-2

Main Points

1. The water gate revival where people return to their story began with a:
 - a. Desire - true revival isn't an extraordinary experience, it is a return to normal spiritual life that God designed you for.
 - b. Reverence - every time you read God's word, it's not just that God has spoken, but that he *is* speaking.
 - c. Understanding - Water Gate revivals happen not because the music is just right, or people are filled with empty emotions, but with accurate understanding and appropriate response.
 - d. Repentance - when we become aware of our sin, it is appropriate and good to repent and weep. This leads to...
 - e. Obedience - a new heart leads to obedience, not perfect obedience but a gradual, daily journey of trusting in Jesus and obeying him.
2. Repentance is the root; obedience is the fruit. Repentance without obedience is emotionalism. Repentance is a change of heart and mind, obedience is the lived expression of that change.
3. Obedience without repentance is legalism.

Engage with God in a Group

- What is your understanding of revival? What do you think it would look like at Bent Tree?
- When you think of the components of revival listed above from Nehemiah 8, which ones do you currently see in your own life? Which do you recognize in the community you have?
- How have you seen the relationship between repentance and obedience in your own life and relationships with others?

Bottom Line

Revivals happen when people understand the word of God accurately and respond to it appropriately.