

Discussion Guide

Discussion Guides accompany the [weekly message](#).

Opening Activity:

Ask each group member to share one small, unexpected joy from the past week—something simple that made them smile. This sets the stage for discussing how God restores joy through His Word.

Read: Nehemiah 8:1-18; Romans 10:9; Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Discussion Questions:

1. When the people of Israel heard God's Word read aloud (Nehemiah 8:1-6), why do you think it had such a deep emotional impact on them?
2. Why is repentance the natural response when we truly receive God's Word? How do Nehemiah 8:9-11 and Romans 3:23 help us understand this?
3. How does joy fit into the process of revival (Nehemiah 8:10)? Why do you think joy comes after repentance?
4. Joshua 1:8 reminds us to meditate on God's Word continually. What role does consistency in Scripture play in sustaining revival?
5. Share a time when God's Word convicted you and led to repentance. What changed in your life as a result?
6. Nehemiah told the people, "The joy of the Lord is your strength." What does that mean to you personally, and how can it strengthen you right now?
7. Where do you find it hardest to obey God's Word, and how could the Holy Spirit help you take the next step of obedience?
8. Revival begins with God's people taking His Word seriously. What one practical step can you take this week to invite revival into your own life and home?

Challenge for the Week:

Share with one trusted friend or group member this week what area of your life you feel God calling you to repentance and obedience. Ask them to check in with you about it and pray with you. This accountability will help strengthen you to live in the joy of the Lord.