

Date: July 20, 2025, 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Message: *The Rudiments of Revival*

A Study in God's Word Based on Nehemiah 8:1-12

Our current series of sermons is drawn from the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. Scholars here noted that this historical account of life back in the Promised Land following Israel's captivity falls neatly in two main sections:

1. Reconstruction of the walls of Jerusalem, Chapters 1-7
2. Reinstruction of the people of God, Chapters 8-13

At the outset of this reinstruction phase is a momentous development in the spiritual life of these ancient Jews: a revival at the Water Gate! As we examine the passage in which this revival is described for us, what elements or dynamics (aka "rudiments") in such a renewal among God's people stand out?

I. A **longing** for **God** – v. 1

II. A **responsiveness** to **the Word** - v. 2-8

III. A **sorrow** over **sin** - v. 9

IV. A **joy** in **the Lord** - vv. 10-12