



## Small Group Questions Nehemiah 12

**REMINDER:** The purpose of our small groups at Cypress is to learn to love one another. We seek to do this as we: 1. Study the Bible together; 2. Discuss how to put it into practice; 3. Pray together; and 4. Live life together. Please use these questions only as they help you achieve this purpose. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** Read Nehemiah 12. What stood out to you about in this passage on Sunday?

2. **Observation – What do you see?**

Write down each reference you can find in Nehemiah 12 to singers, singing, songs, choirs, etc. –

There are six references to David in Nehemiah 12 (vv.24, 36, 37, 45, 46). Read 2 Samuel 6:5-23. What parallels do you see between David's celebration over the ark and Nehemiah's celebration over the wall? Why do you think Nehemiah made such a strong connection to David in Chapter 12?

3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**

Singing is important for God's people – *and also to God*. God sings! Read Zephaniah 3:17. Have you ever thought about God singing over you? How does this truth help you better understand God?

Read the verses below. As you consider the importance of singing to these heroes of the faith (including our Savior!) does it inspire you to grow in singing to the Lord? Why?

*Moses, Exodus 15:1-18 –*

*Miriam, Exodus 15:21 –*

*Deborah, Judges 5:1-31 –*

*Mary, Luke 1:46-55 –*

*Jesus, Matthew 26:30 –*

*Paul, Acts 16:25-34 –*

4. **Application – How does this apply?**

How is God calling you to respond to Nehemiah 12? Do you need to increase how often you sing praise to God? Do you need to make singing with the church on Sundays more of a priority? Can you grow in expressing your heart to God through singing (Ephesians 5:19)?

5. **Prayer ...**