

Sermon Discussion Questions

The High Point

Nehemiah 12:27-43

September 10, 2017

1. Are you a reader? Why or why not? If you are a reader—what do you read mostly?
 - Share a good book or two you would recommend!
2. The Israelites celebrated the dedication of the wall around Jerusalem (Nehemiah 12:27). It was more than dedicating bricks and structures. What do you think they were dedicating? What application can be made for us today (i.e., what does it mean to dedicate ourselves in alignment with this Bible passage)?
3. There wasn't anything overly sacred about building the wall, or the physical structure of the wall, yet remember what the priests and the Levites did as a part of this dedication? Read Nehemiah 12:30.
 - Read a few examples of interesting ways of purification in the Old Testament: Leviticus 14:49–53; 16:11, 15-19; Num 8:5–8. Was there any common theme? We aren't under the Old Testament ways anymore, yet, is there any parallel for us on what it means that we are purified so that we can serve the Lord?
 - Jeremy connected the dots of this verse with our taking Communion. Did you sense any purification in your life through Communion? What did you like or not like about the Communion time?
4. From Nehemiah 12:31-43 there was an incredible worship time. it probably lasted hours. How are you at adoring God? If you had to paint a picture of what adoring God looks like both individually and corporately, what would that picture reveal?
 - Remember the story of the releasing of the helium balloons? Would you have let your balloon go in church last Sunday?
5. Rate your “joy factor” — On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being your joy level is completely parched—you have virtually none. And 10 being I am overflowing with joy) what is your ‘joy factor’? Explain why.
6. At the end of Nehemiah 12:43, “the joy of Jerusalem was heard from afar.” How can we let Manitowoc and the surrounding communities hear the joy from the Faith Church family?
 - Be sure to remind each other of Serve Sunday!
 - What value do you put on the Reach Conference? How can we make sure more people attend?