Message Notes
Nehemiah Part 6: If These Walls Could Talk
Nehemiah 8:1-10

→ statute of limitations

→ here's what the finished walls saw - **vs. 1**

#1 When you don't _____ read the Bible,

   then you don't _____ read the Bible.

→ note the locations and the actions - **vs. 2-6**

#2 The scriptures carry all _____

   because Jesus' tomb was left _____.

→ growth groups are so 450 B.C. - **vs 7-8**

#3 Customs and cultures have _____

   since the Bible was written. _____ haven't.

→ the joy of the LORD is your strength **vs. 10**

#4 The Bible _____ your life

   by _____ your heart.

→ YouVersion Bible app

Group Questions
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1. If the walls of our church could talk, what story do you think they would tell? (This is metaphorical. Disregard the fact that we don't have physical walls at the moment.)

2. **Read Nehemiah 8:1**. After the people in Jerusalem finished rebuilding the walls at a remarkable, only-God-could-be-behind-this pace, they sought out God by listening to his scriptures. Do you have any experiences where you were especially drawn to the search out God through his word?

3. It's rather difficult to read the Bible when you don't want to read it. What are some things a person could do to feed their desire to read?

4. **Read Nehemiah 8:2-6.** Through their actions, the people demonstrated a submissiveness to the authority of the scriptures. What are some things that challenge scripture's authority today?

5. **Read Nehemiah 8:7-8**. Though these people were Jews, they were far removed from the language, culture, and customs of their ancestors. They needed help understanding the scriptures. What can a person do today when they find the Bible difficult to understand?

6. Find a goal that everyone in the group can commit to when it comes to reading the Bible. With what frequency do you want to read? How much do you want to read at one time? What is your preferred method - physical book, Bible app, audio, etc.? How will you as a group track your progress?