

November 10th, 2024

A Celebration Nehemiah 11-12

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	OVERVIEW
•	A plan. (Nehemiah 11:1-12:26)
-	of the wall. (Nehemiah 12:27-43)
•	temple staff (Nehemiah 12:44-47)
	Things to Think About:
>	Joy is cultivated in Neh 12:43, 27; Pro 17:22; Rom 15:13; 1Pet 1:8
	Unnoticed doesn't mean Luke 19:21; Heb 6:10
>	A to shine the light. 1Thess 4:11

TALK IT OVER

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

What stood out most in the message to you regarding something that you learned, challenged you, or that you disagreed with? And, in what ways can you see these truths being lived out in your relationships and life this week?

What emotions was Nehemiah feeling on this day of celebration? Before you answer, read Neh 2:1-17 to remember Nehemiah's lonely survey of Jerusalem. What do you think Nehemiah's "before" and "after" thoughts were? How have you seen God bring together a team to accomplish a huge undertaking like rebuilding the walls of the city?

How good are you at stopping to celebrate what God has done? How have you celebrated in the past?

In your opinion, how is joy connected to gratitude? What practices could help you to be more joyful?

When have you felt like "the rest of the people," unnoticed in what you were doing? How did you cope with that? Who have been some of the "anonymous difference makers" in your life? How did they affect you?

What could Sunridge do to be more like a city on a hill that shines the light of Christ in our community?





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- A resettlement plan. (Nehemiah 11:1-12:26)
- <u>Dedication</u> of the wall. (Nehemiah 12:27-43)
- Funding temple staff (Nehemiah 12:44-47)

Things to Think About:

- ➤ Joy is cultivated in <u>worship</u>.

 Neh 12:43, 27; Pro 17:22; Rom 15:13; 1Pet 1:8
- Unnoticed doesn't mean <u>unimportant</u>. Luke 19:21; Heb 6:10
- ➤ A new way to shine the light. 1Thess 4:11

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