

NEHEMIAH



Re: BUILD
Re: NEW
Re: FORM

Re: GROUP

Discussion Guide: Remembrance and Revival

Nehemiah 8:13–9:5

Opening Discussion

- What's one celebration or tradition in your life that helps you remember something important?
- How does forgetting (even unintentionally) affect your walk with God?

I. Discovery and Obedience (Nehemiah 8:13–15)

Read Nehemiah 8:13–15

1. Why is it significant that the leaders came together to study the Word, not just hear it?
2. What did they discover, and how did they respond?
3. What might this say about the role of leaders—especially in homes or churches—when it comes to spiritual insight and obedience?

Reflection

- When was the last time the Word of God revealed something new to you that required a change in your life?
- How do you balance reading and studying the Word with acting on it?

II. Response and Rejoicing (Nehemiah 8:16–18)

Read Nehemiah 8:16–18

4. How would you describe the people's response to what they learned?
5. Why do you think everyone participated so fully—even though this tradition hadn't been practiced since the days of Joshua?
6. How does obedience lead to joy, based on this passage?

Reflection

- Can you recall a time when you obeyed God and it resulted in deep joy or spiritual renewal?

- What might prevent people today from responding to God's Word with immediate obedience?

III. Confession and Worship (Nehemiah 9:1–5)

Read Nehemiah 9:1–5

7. What signs show us this was a genuine revival (not just emotionalism)?
8. Why do you think confession and worship are linked together in revival?
9. Why was it important for the people to confess both their own sins and those of their ancestors?

Reflection

- How do you typically respond when you're convicted by the Word—confession, change, excuses, delay?
- When was the last time you confessed deeply and followed it with heartfelt worship?

Application & New Testament Connection

Read Revelation 2:5 and 3:20–22

10. According to Revelation, what steps lead a wandering believer or church back to spiritual health?
11. How can remembrance—both of who God is and what He has done—stir revival in your heart?
12. What's one thing you can do this week to move from spiritual apathy to active worship and obedience?

Closing Prayer Prompt

- Pray for a deeper hunger to study God's Word.
- Ask for courage to obey what God reveals.
- Confess any known sin and praise God for His mercy and renewal.