

Disciple's Quest

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31



May 24, 2020

Restoration Hardware, Part 10

Revival

Nehemiah 8:1-9:3

Main Idea:

“Revival” can be defined as spiritual awakening from a period of dormancy or decline in the life of an individual believer, or when widespread, in the life of the believing community. Although the word “revival” is not an expressly biblical term, it well describes a number of spiritual awakenings documented in Scripture that God’s people experienced as a result of His leading and grace. One such revival was experienced by the faithful remnant who returned to the land and rebuilt the temple and the city of Jerusalem. God worked mightily through their rededication to know and live out the implications of His Word.

Outline:

- 1. RECAP: The wall rebuilt**

- 2. REVIVAL: The people restored to spiritual wellness**
 - **Return to Biblical authority**

 - **Rediscovery of joy in Yahweh**

 - **Recovery of corporate identity/worship**

 - **Rededication to faithfulness**
 - **Repentance**

 - **“religious practice”**

Questions for further application and contemplation after the message:

#1 How would you define “revival” in your own words?

Why is it needful from time to time in our lives as individuals?

When might revival be beneficial for the local church?

#2 What prompted the revival documented in Nehemiah 8 – 9?

#3 Why is God’s Word instrumental in bringing revival?

#4 What is the Holy Spirit’s role in bringing revival?

#5 How/why does God’s Word produce both conviction and ultimately, joy in the heart of the believer?

#6 Why does corporate study and obedience produce harmony and joy within the local church?

#7 What commitments can you make that will encourage your personal spiritual prosperity?