



1. Opening

Purpose for Digs and Prayer (1 min) Digs gather to study, pray, and apply the Word of God to our lives. Our hope is that we would increase in our love for God, love for one another, and tell others about Him (Matt 22:37-40; Matt 28:19-20).

Weekly Christian Formation (5 min)

Question 12* What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

Answer: Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

Scripture Reference: James 2:8

What does this mean? How does it impact our lives?

Recap (5 min)

Recap the last time your Dig Group gathered. How did you apply God's Word over the last week(s)?

2. Bible Study October 4th (30-45 minutes)

***Read the passage aloud together.**

***Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage.**

Scripture Reference: Nehemiah 11-12

1. Recap Nehemiah 1-6 (Return and rebuild). Recap the renewal process that we've seen in Nehemiah 7-12 (Identity, Word, Confession, Repentance, Joy).
2. How are the joy of Christ and the joy of the world different?
3. What role does renewal have in godly joy?

4. Read Nehemiah 12:43. How do sacrifice and joy go hand-in-hand? How does sacrifice help us to fulfill our created purpose? (Through sacrifice we image our God. We find joy in doing what we were created to do.)

5. Think about the context of Nehemiah. Verse 43 says, "God had made them rejoice." How does God make us rejoice?

6. How is joy a witness to the outside world?

7. How can you pursue joy this week, increasing your worship and your witness?

3. Confession and Prayer (30-45 minutes)

***Prayer:** Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.

***Prayer Challenge:** Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people. Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

****Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism**