



SMALL GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | FEBRUARY 8TH

1. In Nehemiah 8:1-3, the people gather eagerly to hear the Book of the Law read. What stands out about who gathers, how long they listen, and their posture toward God's Word? How does this inform how God renews his people?
2. Verses 7-8 describe the Levites helping the people understand the Law by giving the sense of it. Why is understanding emphasized here, not just hearing? What's the difference?
3. In verses 9-12, the people initially respond with weeping, but Nehemiah and the leaders call them to rejoice, saying, "the joy of the Lord is your strength." Why do you think joy, not sorrow, is emphasized at this moment? How does this inform obedience not from guilt, but from joy?
4. As Jon preached, consider the questions - is your life currently marked by a love for God's Word, by learning it, and by living it out?
5. Nehemiah 8 centers on God's Word being read aloud to God's people, bringing both conviction and joy. Consider not the written word, but the incarnate Word. How does this point us forward to Jesus, the Word made flesh, who not only reveals God's will but fulfills it for us? How does knowing Christ has perfectly obeyed on our behalf shape the way we receive and respond to Scripture today?