

The way that a Party should be:

The celebration was creative.

Nehemiah 12:31 I had the leaders of Judah go up on top of the wall. I also assigned two large choirs to give thanks . . .

Nehemiah 12:38 The second choir proceeded in the opposite direction. I followed them on top of the wall, together with half the people . . .

Nehemiah 12:40 The two choirs that gave thanks then took their places in the house of God. . .

The celebration was thankful!

Nehemiah 12:27 At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres.

The celebration was joyful!

Nehemiah 12:43 And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.

The celebration was loud!

Nehemiah 12:43 ... The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.

The celebration was transforming!

Nehemiah 12:43 And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy . . .

## **Discussion Questions**

## <u>lcebreaker</u>

1. Share something you want to remember from the study of Nehemiah?

Digging Deeper

- 1. Which theme/sermon had the greatest impact on you and why?
- 2. Do you take time to celebrate when good things happen in your life? How do you celebrate? Is thanking God or recognizing God's involvement in the good thing a part of your celebration?
- 3. As believers, what do we have to celebrate today? Why do you think God included celebrations in the Bible? Share one thing in the past week you can celebrate?
- 4. Read Nehemiah 12:43. The celebration in Nehemiah was described as transforming. How is God transforming you?

## Live it Out

1. Nehemiah was one man who had an impact, changing his world. It is our prayer that through this series, God has impacted your heart, your home and provided greater

clarity how you can impact your community. Go change your world!

## Looking Ahead

Christmas Eve Eve service – Sunday, Dec. 23 at 4:30 pm

Christmas Eve Services – Monday, Dec. 24 at 4:30 and 6:00 pm