

# Study Guide

Pastor Jared Herd - Rhythm: Week 1

Pastor Jared launched a new series called *Rhythm: Creating Space for Faith to Flourish*. He talked about how God, though invisible, becomes real to us in our rhythms (Prayer, Church, Communion, Life Groups, etc.). As you reflect on Pastor Jared's message, **what spoke to you?**

## Bible Study

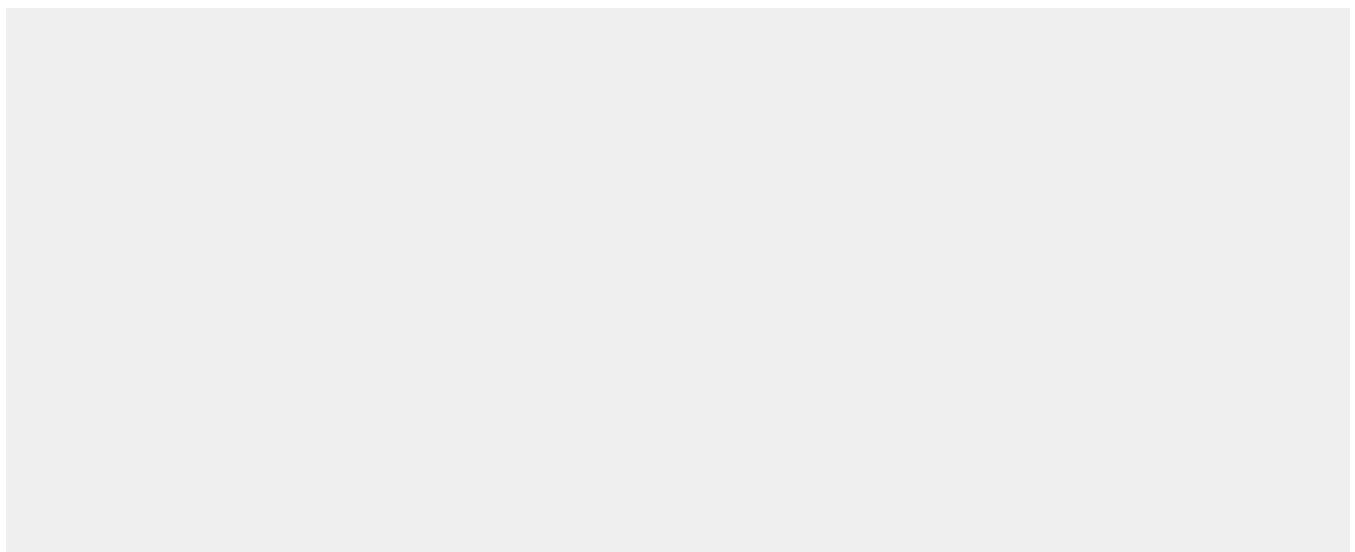
1. Read Ezra 3:1-13

When the children of Israel returned to Jerusalem after being exiled, the first thing they did was to rebuild the temple. Why? Because the temple was central to their lives; it facilitated all the rhythms of their faith. In its absence, even the Jews remaining in Jerusalem had fallen far from God. **What rhythms of the children of Israel do you see in this passage? What rhythms are a part of our faith that keep us centered on God? What happens when we fall out of rhythm?**

2. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Pastor Jared stated, "If you have beliefs in God, but have no rhythms with God, you won't feel any moral obligation to God." **What rhythms do you see in this passage that serve an instrumental role in us staying centered with God and living a life that is honoring to Him?**

## Notes



## Life Application

### **For everyone:**

What rhythms of your faith have you abandoned or moved down the priority list in your life? What steps will you take to begin or to re-establish those rhythms in your life?

### **For those who are married:**

What God-honoring rhythms in your marriage have fallen away or become less than top priority in your marriage? What can you do to re-establish those rhythms in your marriage?

### **For parents:**

As the new school year begins, what rhythms can and will you establish for your children to keep their faith in God central to their lives?

| What's Happening  | Serve Together                                   |
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| <b>SEPT 10   MOPS Begins</b><br>(Mothers of Preschoolers)                       | <b>Foster Move-In</b><br>August 24 -9a to 12p    |
| <b>NEW!!! SEPT 11   Neighborhood Night begins</b><br>Family Wednesdays Together | <b>Impact Info:</b><br><a href="#">CRB Serve</a> |
| <b>SEPT 22   Child Dedication</b><br>all services                               |  |
| <b>OCT 5   Beach Baptisms</b><br>Ages 12+                                       |  |

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**VOTW** *Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18*