



NEHEMIAH

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REVIVAL

Each session will begin with an opportunity to help you connect with and get to know one another.

If you were suddenly given an extra hour every day for an entire year, how would you use that extra hour?

Play the “Session Eight: Revival” video lesson.

What stood out to you from the video?

“GOD WAITS FOR YOU TO COME HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME. TO RETURN AGAIN. AND FOR REVIVAL TO INVAD E YOUR SOUL... HE RUNS TO YOU. NOT TO SAY, ‘I TOLD YOU SO,’ BUT WITH ARMS WIDE OPEN. FULL OF GRACE AND CELEBRATION!”

— DUSTY FRIZZELL

In the following section, you will explore Bible passages and take part in discussion to apply insights from this session. If time is a concern, please choose just a few questions to discuss in your group.

Read Nehemiah 9:1-3, 29-33

1. How have you changed your mind within the past year, whether it's a small matter or a big thing? What is something you used to think that you no longer believe?

2. In these verses, the Israelites acknowledge that their bad choices led to bad consequences. Why is this step essential for true repentance? Why do we need to recognize what we've done wrong in the past in order to move toward God in the present?

3. After admitting their unfaithfulness, the Israelites remember God's faithfulness. Why does God's faithfulness inspire us to come back to Him, no matter how far we've fallen from Him? Why should we trust Him above all others? How has God personally shown His faithfulness to you?

Read Luke 19:1-10

4. In this story, Zacchaeus completely changes his behavior after a single encounter with Jesus. Why do you think his heart changed so much? Without using names, who is one person in your life who needs to discover the love of Jesus? How do you think their lives would change after encountering one simple act of compassion?

5. Zacchaeus used to care about wealth, but after this story, he cared more about doing good for others. Why do you think his values changed so radically? What happens to us when we change what we care about? If you had to rank the five most important values in your life, how would you put them in order?

6. Share how God has revived your heart in the past. How did He pick you up when you had fallen down? How did He remind you of His love? How did He welcome you back with open arms?

DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

Read Matthew 19:16-30

7. What did the young man in this story value more than following Jesus? Why did the young man's wealth keep him from following Jesus? How do our values and priorities impact the decisions we make?

8. Why does Jesus ask us to value Him above everything else? What kind of lives would we lead if we valued something more than Christ? Why is it so difficult to value Christ and His kingdom more than the things of this world?

PRAYER AND PRAISE

This is a place where you can write each other's prayer requests and make notes when God answers prayer. Pray for each other's requests out loud together as a group. If you're new to group prayer, you may pray silently.

Prayer Requests

Praise Reports