

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK OF MAY 7 ,2017

Sermon Series: The God Who Builds: Book of Nehemiah

Current Message: *How to Experience Joy*

Nehemiah 11-12

Icebreaker: Share a time when you experienced joy.

1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Nehemiah 12:27-43. What was the reason for the celebration, dedication of the walls, rejoicing, and singing of the choirs in this passage? What did these things produce in the people?

Read John 15:5,11; Galatians 5:22-23. Where does joy come from according to these passages of Scripture?

Joy was defined as *a supernatural delight and settled assurance in God's faithfulness*. Based on this definition what is the difference between joy and happiness?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:3-10 and 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7. How do these passages affirm the definition of joy given above? _____

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How often are you experiencing joy in your life?

1 - Never 3 - Sometimes 5 - Always
2 - Rarely 4 - Most of the Time

What is the reason or reasons why this is the case? _____

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

One of the daily choices that cause us to experience joy is choosing to celebrate: *reflecting on God's grace towards you, God's blessings toward you, God's promises for you*. We are either choosing to celebrate or be a cynic. How does this choice affect your joy?

4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

What is one thing that you will commit to do, with the power that comes from the Holy Spirit, to choose celebration over cynicism in your Christian walk so you will experience joy in your life?

