

# RENEWAL, RESTORATION, and REVIVAL

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Introduction:

Text: Nehemiah 8:1-18; 9:2-3, 33, 10:28-29, 39

The Word of God desired, revealed, understood, and obeyed brings...

## A. RENEWAL: Nehemiah 8:1-12, 17

1. Renewed **Conviction** (v.9)
2. Renewed **Joy** (v.10-12, 17)

Insight for living: The importance of personal devotion to God's Word

## B. RESTORATION: Nehemiah 8:1-18

1. Restored **celebrations** by remembering (8:1-18; 9)
  - a. Who **God** is (vv.1-9)
  - b. What **God** has **done** (vv. 13-18)
  - c. God's **sovereignty**, **salvation**, and **faithfulness** (9:6-8; 9-15; 19-21)
2. Restored **communion** through corporate worship (v.8:6)

Insight for living: The importance of participating in corporate worship and celebrations within the life of the church

## C. REVIVAL Nehemiah 9:33, 10:28-29

1. Reflected by their **confession** and **repentance** (9:2-3; 33)
2. Reflected by their recommitment to **God** and His **house** (10:28-29, 39)

**The Big Idea:** Spiritual renewal, restoration, and revival starts with knowing and understanding God's word personally and corporately within the life of the church.

Conclusion:

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Nehemiah 8

1. Icebreaker. What day in your life would you like to relive?

2. Introduction.

Nehemiah 8 is a powerful chapter in the Bible where Ezra reads the Law to the people of Israel, and they respond with great emotion to hearing God's words. This event marks a significant moment of spiritual renewal for the people of Israel.

3. Observation.

- Read Nehemiah 8:1. What is the significance of all the people gathering together as one man in the square?
- Read Nehemiah 8:3. How was the word of God delivered and how did the people respond when they heard it again?
- Read Nehemiah 8:9. Why do you think the people wept when they heard the words of the Law?

4. Interpretation.

- How does the people's reaction to the Law reflect their relationship with God at this time?
- What does this chapter tell us about the importance of understanding God's Word?

5. Application.

- How can we apply the lessons from this chapter in our own lives?
- How does hearing and understanding God's Word affect our lives today?

6. Reflection.

- Have there been times when you've been deeply moved by reading or hearing God's Word? Share with the group.
- How can we encourage each other to engage more deeply with the Scriptures?

7. Conclusion. End with a time of prayer, asking God to help each of you to hear, understand, and be transformed by His Word, just like the people in Nehemiah's time.