**Joy - 5/19 Discussion Questions**

Nehemiah 8

***Review***

**Encountering God through His Word Produces Joy**

**How to Read the Bible:**

1. In Community (v. 1 -5)

2. Humbly (v. 6)

3. Diligently (v. 3, 8, 13-14,18)

4. Obediently (v. 16-17)

5. Gratefully(v. 9-12)

***Connect***

1. How has God spoken to you through His Word recently?
2. What Bible study practices have you found most helpful in your walk with the Lord?

***Read Nehemiah 8:1-12***

***Discuss***

* How did the people approach God’s Word? What did the leaders do to help them understand?
* Why did they need the instructions to make it a day of rejoicing (v. 9-12)? What does it mean that “the joy of the Lord is your strength” (v. 10)?
* Skim the rest of chapter 8. How did they obey the commands of the Law? Why was that important?

***Apply***

* What does it look like for you to study the Bible humbly and worshipfully? How does Bible reading help you connect with God?
* In what ways are you disciplined and diligent in your Bible reading? How could you grow in this area?
* What is the Lord leading you to do these days in obedience to His word?

***Pray***

* How can we pray for you? How can we give thanks with you?