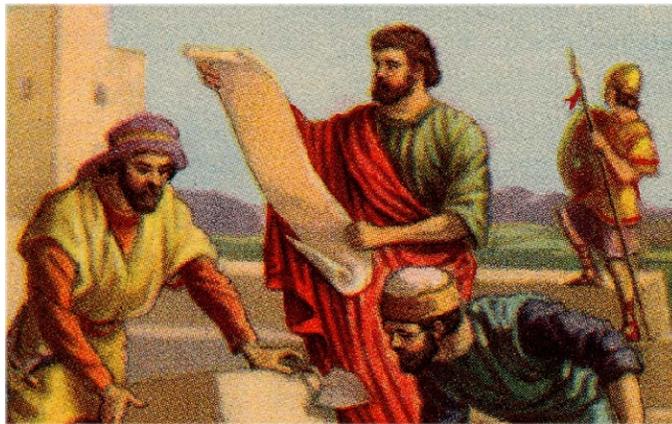


Who Needs a Rebuilt Spirit?

Revival in Jerusalem: Nehemiah 8



A time of revival has been scheduled for our church. Today, we're studying Nehemiah 8 and looking for truths about revival that will prepare us for our own revival. What is your attitude toward "revival?" Is "revival" old-fashioned? Irrelevant? Needed? Good for the youth?

Write a list of positive or negative things that come to your mind when you hear that revival is coming: (for example: fried chicken, long invitations, loud preacher, people saved, etc...)

"Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10 (NKJV)

Nehemiah:

- ▶ Cupbearer to Artaxerxes, king of Persia, 465-424 B.C.
- ▶ Passionate servant of God
- ▶ Traveled to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall of the city
- ▶ Returned to Persia
- ▶ Returned to Jerusalem and called the people to worship God
- ▶ Repeatedly expressed his desire for God's approval
- ▶ Overcame political opposition and threats to the work and his life
- ▶ Author of the book that bears his name

Revival: True or False

- _____ I am eagerly anticipating this revival and am hoping that God will speak to me about my own life.
- _____ Right now, there is evidence of the joy of the Lord in my Christian experience.
- _____ The Bible is so important to me that I spend hours each week reading it and meditating on Scriptures.
- _____ There was a time when I confessed Jesus as my personal Savior, professed my belief in Him and made my decision public in a church.
- _____ There was a time in my life when I was closer to Jesus than I am right now.
- _____ If I became more perfectly obedient to Jesus, I would have to make some radical changes in my life.
- _____ I am ready to pray daily for revival in my life and in my fellow church members' lives.
- _____ I am committed to attending the revival for each service.