

## Small Group Study Guide

### “Foundations For Revival: Understanding”

Nehemiah 8:1-3

Pastor Mark Kilcup

#### Relate

Can you give examples that could display or explain the difference between hearing and listening?

#### Review

Do you have any examples of revival? It could be something you’ve observed personally or read.

Pastor Mark said, “The true spiritual health of a church can be directly correlated to how a church views and handles the Word of God.” Do you agree/disagree? Why?

Discuss the poetic use of the word “Attentively” in verse 3. The literal translation is “ear.” What other words or phrases are used in a poetic or descriptive way?

Replay some of the responses by the people to the reading of the word of God and the new understanding that they gained? What makes these responses appropriate or inappropriate?

How does the experience in Nehemiah relate to what we do on Sunday morning?

#### Dig

Consider the following passages of Scripture and what they tell us about our relationship to the Word of God and understanding:

-Psalm 119:11

-Psalm 119:34

-Psalm 119:73

-Psalm 119:144

-Psalm 119:169

-James 1:22-24

-Ephesians 5:26

Nehemiah 8:10 says, “...for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Why does Nehemiah say this? Is it the Lord’s joy that is our strength, or is it our joy in the Lord that is our strength?

-Consider these related scriptures

-1 Thessalonians 1:6

-1 Thessalonians 2:19

-1 Thessalonians 2:26

#### Live

Prayerfully consider how attentive your ear is to the Lord and His Word. Does your listening translate to understanding and action?

Consider ways to celebrate the “joy of the Lord” this week.