

Small Group Study Guide

“Foundations For Revival: Obedience”

Nehemiah 8:13-18

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Relate

Has the meaning of our national holidays been lost or changed over the years? How has the celebration of Christmas changed in America? If you get a chance, watch this [YouTube video](#) and listen to the lyrics.

Review

The Feast of Booths (tabernacles) was intended to be a reminder of God revealing Himself. In what ways did God reveal Himself in the OT, especially in the desert? (Provision, miracles, instruction, victories, leaders, etc.)

Nehemiah 8:17 says that the Feast of Booths had not been celebrated for a long time. What may have separated the celebration on this occasion from other examples: 1 Kings 8:65; 2 Chron 7:9; and Ezra 3:4

Discuss why this feast is celebrated with great expressions of joy. What was special to God’s people about God revealing himself to them?

What motivated the people behind the newly rebuilt wall of Jerusalem to enter into this celebration feast?

Dig

Consider the instructions for the Feast of Booths in Lev. 23:34-43 and Deut. 16:13-17. How does the celebration of God’s self-revelation relate to obedience?

What is the relationship between God’s self-revelation and obedience in 1 Peter 1:13-22 (especially vs 22)?

What was Jesus saying about himself in John 7? How does Jesus relate the feast to himself in John 7:25-44 (especially 37-38? What is he implying? How did people respond to his statements?

Live

What will you add to your daily/weekly pattern to further understand God’s revelation, His Word?

Is there understanding that need to apply and obey?

What will you do this Christmas season to remember Christ?