

# NEHEMIAH 7-8-9

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

TO DISCUSS ON \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 1: GOD WANTS HIS PEOPLE TO GATHER AS ONE MAN

*God wants His people to gather expectantly as one people. In order to do that, we must do some heart work and evaluate how we have been distracted or tempted to let a critical or selfish spirit take root in our worship and divide our unity. This week's study will be reflection and response style. Look up the scriptures and take your own notes. Take your time and make honest notes with the Lord. Be honest with yourself. Circle or star any scriptures that really stand out to help guide your small group discussions this week. Make every effort to honestly evaluate and not rush through.*

*Read and reflect and make notes that would help you journey toward coming to CONTRIBUTE in worship united as one man rather than RECEIVE.*

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10

COLOSSIANS 3:13-14

1 JOHN 4:12

HEBREWS 10:25

EPHESIANS 2:14

1 JOHN 1:7

1 CORINTHIANS 5:4

MATTHEW 12:30

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-13

EPHESIANS 4:16

*You are needed. You are wanted. The body is incomplete without you. Let us gather as one!*

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**LORD, when your people gather together, you always have a divine agenda. Help us gather expectantly and engage in all You have for us. Forgive our consumer worship.**

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## PART 2: GOD WANTS THE RESPONSE OF HIS PEOPLE TO MATCH THEIR HEARTS

*God wants His people to respond authentically and properly. Consider how you hold back your worship, or value a certain reputation above genuine worship. Let's dig into some scripture today and do some self reflection. Honor God with a prompt response to what the Spirit is teaching you today. You can worship Him right where you are, anytime. He delights in our honest response.*

*Record the response of God's people in the following verses:*

EXODUS 12:27

JOB 1:20

PSALM 47:1

PSALM 95:6

PSALM 33:1-3

PSALM 134:2

EPHESIANS 5:19

LUKE 7:36-50

MARK 12: 41-44

*I can still remember the very first time I watched sincerity of worship in a church, in a home, in a car, during a meal, and even in a crisis. It is a megaphone to rouse a dead soul. If it were only an internal experience how would others ever want what we have?, It may be uncomfortable, unfamiliar, but it is also very powerful and contagious. God wants us to respond to Him with our entire being—mind, soul, and body. How you sense God asking you to better respond to Him?*

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**LORD, strengthen us with the joy of the LORD. Restore to us the joy of our salvation that we may respond, reach, praise, and wonder. Bend our knees and bow our hearts, LORD.**

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## PART 3: GOD WANTS HIS PEOPLE TO BRING OUT THE BOOK

*God wants people who know and love His Word. Knowing the Word of God is knowing Jesus himself. How often this week have you been spiritually encouraged or challenged by something other than the Word of God? Music, media, devotional books, articles, and even the words on this page are all powerless compared to the Word of God. It is everything we need. Let's open it up!*

*Record what these verses say about the Word of God or life apart from God:*

JOHN 15:4-5

JOHN 5:19

MATTHEW 4:4

MATTHEW 6:33

1 THESSALONIANS 2:13

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

HEBREW 4:12

JOHN 1:1

2 TIMOTHY 3:15-17

*Where do you think you have an idol in your life in the place of the Word of God? There is no substitute! We must strive to be women of the Word. It will not accidentally, unintentionally, just happen. We all want to hear from God, we all want His direction, and we all can open up His word and know the ways that lead to life and joyful living! When do you plan to open up the Word next? How can you make that time more personal with the Lord?*

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**LORD, forgive us for all the life we live on our own strength apart from You each day. Holy Spirit draw us away from the things of this world that are powerless and toward LIFE.**

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## PART 4: GOD WANTS HIS JOY TO BE THE STRENGTH OF HIS PEOPLE

*God wants His people to be strengthened by HIS joy. The joy of the Lord is a complicated thing. Ultimately, Jesus himself is God's joy. But there are a few scriptures that I would like to share with you today that may help you think deeper on this topic. It is a wonder! I am convinced that there is increasingly more joy and strength necessary as we journey. I am also convinced that we cannot fully wrap our minds around this theme, but let's give it a valiant effort anyway! Here we go...*

*Write out the following verses slowly so you can think through them*

HEBREWS 12:2

JOHN 15:11

MATTHEW 3:17

JOHN 17:26

*Did you catch that? In other words, the very love, delight, and JOY that the Father has for the Son, (who He delights in, is pleased by, cherishes, treasures....) that very joyful love will be in us so that we somehow have the ability to love the Son with the very same love and joy of the Father. Wow! I can't wrap my mind around it entirely, but what a WONDER that is! The promises of our God are amazing! Let's close with one more wonder. Read MATTHEW 25:21 and record the last sentence below. Although we may not fully comprehend the joy of our Lord here, one day we will fully enter into it!*

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