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“Ancient Promise Keepers”
Nehemiah 8:13-18

Ice Breaker:

Do you gravitate towards acting as a...

- *Conformer*: Who acts in accordance to the groups prevailing practices
- *Reformer*: Who seeks to improve on groups prevailing practices
- *Transformer*: Who seeks to move others toward complete change
- In what situations is it a good thing to act in each of those ways?

Read: Nehemiah 8:13-18

1. Is your heart usually glad when you come to gather with other believers to hear God’s Word? If not, why do you think that is?
2. What can you personally do this next week to experience greater joy in hearing and doing what God’s Word says?
3. What are you doing to regularly place yourself in a position to hear and obey God’s Word?
4. In verse 18, it tells of a “solemn assembly” that occurred. What is that? Have you ever been to a gathering that was solemn/sacred? What made it so? Do we have anything like that today?
5. What tangible/memorable ways do you celebrate the impact of God’s Word on your life?
6. Why do you think this reminder of camping in booths caused the people of Jerusalem so much joy?
7. What aspects of the Christian life give you the most joy?

Pray with each other:

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I need insight. I need practical wisdom for real life. Certainly God's Word will tell me what wisdom looks like, but I need more than just hearing God's Word. I need more than just studying and reading God's Word. In order to gain insight and practice wisdom and the celebrative joy that comes with it, I must apply God's principles.

The only truth that makes any difference is the one that I put into practice.

How can I gain insight and the joy that comes along with it?

1. Receive God's Word. (verses 13-14)

2. Apply God's Word. (verses 15-17)

3. Celebrate God's Word. (verse 17)

Next Step:

What are some steps you can take this next week to experience a greater joy in hearing and doing what God's Word says?

What tangible/memorable ways do you celebrate the impact of God's Word on your life? (If you are coming up empty, what could you do?)