



The Wall

Week 5 – Celebrate the Win

Study Guide

To finish well means not only to complete a goal, but also to celebrate the wins along the way. Celebration requires intentionality, both in the way we worship at church and how we live every day. In this study we will discuss not only how the Jews celebrated completing the wall, but how we can better celebrate the wins God gives us.

1. Describe a time when your family, a team you were on or group you were part of celebrated something special. What made it memorable?

“And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.”
—Luke 15:23-24 (ESV)

2. **Read Nehemiah 8:1-3.** What can we learn from their hunger to hear God’s Word?

“but his delight is in the law of the LORD and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”
—Psalm 1:2-3 (ESV)

3. **Read Nehemiah 8:6 and Psalm 1:2-3.** We all have different ways of celebrating. The same is true of worship. What kind of celebrating do we see in these passages and how can we do the same?

“Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.””
—Nehemiah 8:10 (ESV)

4. **Read Nehemiah 8:9-12.** Why do you think they were weeping? What did he instruct the people to do and how can we celebrate the same way?
5. The whole purpose of the celebration was to focus on what God had done. What are some of your existing celebrations you can tweak to be about worshipping God instead of just having fun?