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Series Title: Nehemiah Sermon Series; Part Three
Key Scripture: Nehemiah 7, 8, 9 and 10
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Starter: What's something that helps you feel renewed or refreshed in your life?

The Big idea: The spiritual renewal of Jerusalem's worship — the renewal of God's people. Spiritual renewal involves engaging deeply with God's Word. As we understand and obey Scripture, we are called to submit to God, separate from worldly influences, honor the Sabbath, and support God's work through giving.

Discussion:

1. Nehemiah 8:9-12 talks about the people weeping as they heard God's Word, followed by a call to rejoice. What role does both conviction and joy play in our spiritual renewal? How can we balance these two responses in our walk with God?

2. Nehemiah 10:29 talks about submission to God's Word. What does it mean for you personally to submit to God's Word? Are there any areas of your life where you struggle with this?

3. Separation from the world is emphasized in Nehemiah 10:28-30. How do we maintain a distinct Christian witness while living in a secular society? What practical steps can we take to live out this separation?

4. In Nehemiah 10:31, the Israelites made a commitment to honor the Sabbath by resting and refraining from buying goods. How do you practice Sabbath in your life? Why is it important to set aside time for worship, rest, and service to God?

5. When reading Nehemiah 10:32-39, it is notable how the people are committed to responsible, obedient, and sacrificial giving. How does giving extend beyond financial contributions? What does it mean to give "sacrificially" in your life and community?

6. Nehemiah's spiritual renewal led to bold actions. How can we model Nehemiah's example of being faithful to God's calling in our daily lives? How does our faith influence how we approach challenges at home, work, or school?

7. What steps can you take to deepen your engagement with God's Word and experience spiritual renewal in your own life?

8. How do you find time or make space in your day to engage with God's Word?

Diving Deeper:

Consider how applying the principles of spiritual renewal in Nehemiah 8-10 could impact your community. How can you encourage others to deepen their understanding of God's Word, celebrate its truths, and live out its commands?