

**Nehemiah:
Giving God a Party**

Nehemiah 12

Joy is the right reward for faithful service.

Matthew 25:21; Nehemiah 12:12, 27, 30-31, 36, 38-40, 43

When would you throw a party for God?

When the cause is noble.

When our efforts are valiant.

When the celebration is extreme

The elements of this celebration

Nehemiah 12:27, 44, 45-47

Considerations for the week

Explain what it means to participate in a God party, when one is appropriate, how one happens.

Recall the state of Jerusalem's wall as its rebuilding began, and the obstacles Nehemiah faced along the way. Consider how facing the obstacles would have affected Nehemiah and his leadership.

Look back at Nehemiah 3 and notice again the many individuals who worked to restore the wall. How might having labored to rebuild it affect their later worship on the wall? Sometimes hardship can make a celebration sweeter. How does that happen?

Explore any correlation (and possible causation) between joy and participation in bringing God's agenda to fruition.

We are called to invest our time and resources in support of the worship of God. Nehemiah 12:44-47 tells the ways his contemporaries did this. Purpose now to explore new ways of service for you in worship of our God, with a promise to pursue the areas revealed to you.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away. – Nehemiah 12:43, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

1 John 1:9

Proverbs 28:13

Colossians 3:16-17

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude, *The Heart of Worship*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn, *Come People of the Risen King*

Hymn, *Great Things*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Trading My Sorrows*

Hymn, *House of the Lord*

Offertory

Reading

Hymn, *Shout to the Lord*

Message

Hymn of response 66, *To God Be the Glory*

Benediction

Postlude, *God is Great*

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study will resume January 21 and 23.
Men's Bible study will resume January 23.

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: Teriyaki
chicken, rice, veggies, dessert

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells
Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

Christmas tree bonfire

Join us for the annual
Christmas Tree Bonfire!

February 1 at 7 pm

See Templegram
for details or contact
the church office.

Women's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 21, at 10 am and
Thursday, January 23, at 7 pm. Join us as we delve into the use of covenants
in scripture. the church office for more information.

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online giving



CCSC We will participate in a family service project packing
hygiene kits for those served by the CCSC. Saturday, January
8, noon to 2:30. Contact the church office for details.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.