

a celebration of

FAITH

banquet

an evening of celebration and support for Faith Academy

FAITH ACADEMY

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st
6-8 pm
Parkview Church • Central Campus
15 Foster Road • Iowa City, IA

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OPPORTUNITIES

S.A.F.E. MINISTRY

Pray for the team as they prepare to assist long-term global workers, Tim and Ann Wester, and Annelise Jacobson, in the hospital and nursing school where they currently serve. Pray for the team to have wisdom in teaching the hospital staff and that all medical supplies that are sent are received by the hospital. Pray also for the team to be able to encourage the long-term workers and reach the nursing students and local Fulani people group with the Gospel.

Central African Republic

PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS

Please support those listed below with prayer, visits, and cards.

Pray for:

Josh Herman (health concerns)
c/o Ron Herman
1939 Calvin Avenue
Iowa City 52246

Tom Sundblad (health concerns)
4037 West Overlook Road NE
Iowa City 52240

Sympathy for:

The Family of Lois Bird
109 Oberlin Street
Iowa City 52245
(Lois passed away on March 14, 2017)

Keep Us Informed.
The Parkview family wishes to support you in your life events. Please call the church office if you have a birth, death, or hospitalization occur in your family.

Series: Nehemiah
DOES GOD TAKE BACK OFFENDING CHILDREN?
Nehemiah 11 & 12
Pastor Jeff Gilmore
March 19, 2017

I. GOD IS GOOD AND WILL ACCEPT THE OFFERING OF BROKENNESS (12:27-43)

A. Dedication
And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication....
Nehemiah 12:27a

> **Dedication is a commitment that everything is going to be different from this moment onward.**

B. Celebration
...to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres. And the sons of the singers gathered together from the district surrounding Jerusalem and from the villages of the Neotaphathites;
Nehemiah 12:27b-28

> **The most joyful occasion for any human being is when he or she is walking in _____ to _____**

> **The greatest cosmic joy killer in all of life is _____ and _____.**

C. Consecration
And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and they purified the people and the gates and the wall.
Nehemiah 12:30
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:9

D. Adoration
Then I brought the leaders of Judah up onto the wall and appointed two great choirs that gave thanks. One went to the south on the wall to the Dung Gate.
Nehemiah 12:31
Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
John 12:24

II. A BROKEN LIFE MUST BE LIVED WITH DAY-TO-DAY FAITHFULNESS (12:44-47)

A. Priorities of Life
On that day men were appointed over the storerooms, the contributions, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them the portions required by the Law for the priests and for the Levites according to the fields of the towns, for Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who ministered.
Nehemiah 12:44

B. Focus in Life
And they performed the service of their God and the service of purification, as did the singers and the gatekeepers, according to the command of David and his son Solomon. For long ago in the days of David and Asaph there were directors of the singers, and there were songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.
Nehemiah 12:45-46

C. Consistency in Life
And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers; and they set apart that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.
Nehemiah 12:30

III. GOD LOVES AND REMEMBERS BROKEN AND REPENTANT PEOPLE (1:1-12:26)

Nehemiah Study Guide Questions—Session 9

- 1) Though the repopulation of Jerusalem is decided by casting lots, those selected respond with willingness to relocate. What other possible responses could they have had?
- 2) What other passages in Scripture tell of people given significant roles they might not have chosen for themselves? How did God use these people for His glory and their good?
- 3) Have you ever had to take on a responsibility that was clearly the will of the Lord but one that you never would have willingly volunteered for on your own? How did the Lord work through your willingness to serve?
- 4) What causes the Israelites to worship with such joy and extravagance? Does your worship focus on your own feelings or on giving God the honor He is due? What is the key to right focus in worship (see Ps. 96:7-9)?
- 5) Look at the first words of 12:44. What do they communicate about the people's willingness to fulfill their oaths to the Lord? What makes us slow to deliver on the promises we have made to God and others? What does our slowness reveal about what we believe to be true about God?
- 6) What recent commitment have you made in the sight of God that needs your eager, willing fulfillment? What action can you take this week to fulfill it?
- 7) What long-standing commitment needs your ongoing, faithful fulfillment? What action can you take this week to fulfill it?

Need a Study Guide? Stop by the Connect Center, download it at www.parkviewchurch.org, or access it on the new app.