

Review:

Lesson 1: God's Callings

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God's Strength/God's Joy

Nehemiah 8:9-12

The Word of God is not just the message of salvation; it is the tool God specifically designed to _____ human hearts for salvation.

Discussion 1. Have you ever witnessed a genuine heart change as a result of the reading of God's Word? What do you love most about being a church which reads and teaches God's Word?

Genuine worship of God is not a feeling; it is a discipline which Christ followers undertake irrespective of our feelings. In fact, the discipline is to eventually _____ to fit the worship (and not to bend the worship to fit our feelings).

Discussion 2. Why is it a dangerous thing to allow our feelings to dictate how or when or whether we worship? If our feelings do not dictate our worship, does that mean they are not a part of it at all? Why or why not?

Every day is a day for worshipping God, and a fundamental form of worship for followers of Christ is by _____ the _____ in our community. In God's kingdom, helping others and worshipping God are two sides of the same coin.

Discussion 3. Why do you suppose worship and ministry to others are so intertwined for God's people? Do you think it is possible to genuinely do one without the other? Why or why not?

For the Christ follower, in times of renewal or restoration, our _____ and our _____ are found in the Lord, not in ourselves nor in the ways of the world.

Discussion 4. What do you think it means to "find our strength in the Lord"? Can you recall a time or season in your own life when you found your strength in the Lord?