

Connect Group Discussion Guide

Week 8 – Your Life Matters

Series: Rebuild for Revival

GOAL: This Week's discussion should focus on understanding that when you realize your life matters – you should learn how to respond to that through the life you live.

DISCUSSION STARTER: Ask everyone how their week was and for them to share anything God has laid on their heart or spoke to them in the message.

GROUP ACTIVITY: Have someone read **Luke 12:6-7** and have the group discuss its meaning. What does it mean that you are valuable to God?

DISCUSSION:

1. Point #1 was "Your Life Matters, So Respond with Worship". We read in **Nehemiah 7:1** that Nehemiah set up spiritual disciplines first as the priority in the city (gatekeepers, singers, priests assistants). What does it mean to respond with worship in your life? Read **Matthew 15:8-9** and talk about how what you build for God on the outside (like the walls of the city) is only as good as your intimate worship with God. How does it look? How do you develop it?
2. Read **Psalms 34:9-11** and discuss the idea that when you worship, it fills you up and therefore you don't go to church to get filled, rather a chance to respond to God in a corporate setting because you're already full. How does worship open the doors to His goodness?
3. Point #2 was "Your Life Matters, So Respond with Godly Character". **Nehemiah 7:2-3** talks about who Nehemiah picked to bring order to the city. Hanani was faithful. Discuss **Luke 16:10**. Hananiah feared God. Discuss **Psalms 112:1**. Why is faithfulness and fear of God so important? What does fearing God look like?
4. How does Godly character affect us as gatekeepers of our homes and relationships?
5. Point #3 was "Your Life Matters, So Respond with Honoring Your Lineage". Nehemiah looked at the genealogical record in order to figure out who was due what and who should manage what. Talk about how we have an inheritance and we are now born in to a NEW LINEAGE. Read **Ephesians 1:10-11** and **1 Peter 1:3-4**. What is the inheritance? Talk about how being "reborn" is so essential in reference to inheritance and no longer living according to your earthly lineage.
6. Point #4 was "Your Life Matters, So Respond with Commitment". In **Nehemiah 7:66-73** we saw how much they had to travel with and bring from Babylon to Jerusalem. We talked about how we have to stay committed to God in the journey of walking from darkness in to light, from glory to glory, and from promise to promise. Read **1 Peter 2:9** and **Ephesians 2:10** and discuss what we should be committed to.

CLOSING: Close with Reading **Isaiah 6:6-8** and challenge the group to ask God the question of where He wants us to go and do in His name for His glory!

PRAY: Take Prayer Requests and post them to the Connect Group FB Wall with the number of people that came to group and write down the names as well.