

GREAT EXPECTATIONS SERIES
"Celebration"

Nehemiah 12: 27 - 47

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Small Group Discussion Guide

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- Read 2 Samuel 6:1-15. How did David celebrate in the sight of God? Why do you think David celebrated so enthusiastically? Describe the manner in which you celebrate the blessings of God. Discuss the challenges David had endured before the celebration. In what way had the challenges made the victory sweeter? Tell how looking forward to the celebration boosts your momentum? To what degree does love for God's work create excitement and motivate you to make a sacrifice to make it happen?
- Read 2 Chron. 20:5-21. Why do you think Jehoshaphat and his people celebrated before they saw the end result? What does it say about your faith to celebrate 'pre-victory'? Explain the example Jehoshaphat set for trusting in God's power and not our own. Sometimes God allows challenges so big that we know only God can work them out. Share a challenge that God worked out for you and you knew without a doubt that it was God who did it.
- Read I Kings 6 and 7:51-8:10. What is your response to the tremendous sacrifices that were obviously made to build the temple? How long did it take to build the temple? What impresses you most about this monumental accomplishment? How would you compare our celebrations to the celebration described in I Kings 8:3-5? Imagine being there! Describe what it must have felt like to witness the cloud filling the temple. How does it make you feel when you know you have done something that was pleasing to God? Would you share an incident relating to question 6?
- Read Ex 15. After passing through the Red Sea, God's people celebrated God by pointing out specifics. Why do you think it is important to specifically point out God's works and attributes? How does the tense of the verb change from verse 12 to verse 13? Explain how celebrating God's works increases your faith for even greater works.

Taking it home: How will I live it? Apply it?

Pray sincerely that God will reveal to you specifically what He wants you to do to celebrate Him every day. Write down what He reveals to you and commit to do it sacrificially.