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**Date:** April 18, 2021      **Message Title:** Finding and Keeping Joy  
**Scripture:** Nehemiah 12 (select verses)      **Series:** Let's Build It Again

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**Four observations about joy:**

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**Questions for Reflection and Discussion**

Nehemiah 12 (select verses)

1. Have your most joyous moments occurred in the presence of others or by yourself? Why do you think that is?
2. When have you been part of a group celebration where a few people spoiled the mood of others?
3. When the group around you is celebrating, do you tend to join in with them or sit on the sidelines? Which do you think would bring you more joy? Is there anything that makes you nervous about joining the celebration?
4. Have you typically associated joy with obedience? Why or why not?
5. What, if any, New Testament rules do you find unnecessary? Should we submit to those anyway?
6. When a gift comes from a person, do you tend to celebrate the gift or the giver? Or both? Why?
7. When a gift comes from God, do you tend to celebrate the gift or the giver? Or both? If there is a difference in your answers between the two questions, why do you think that is?