

**1. Singing the Songs of the LORD**

- a) Ezra 3:10-11 How did the people respond when the foundations for the new Temple were laid?
- b) Nehemiah 12:27, 31a, 42b-43 What similarities and differences do you notice when the walls of Jerusalem were dedicated?
- c) When King David organized those who would serve in the Temple, why were so many set apart to lead in the singing of the songs of the LORD? 1 Chronicles 25:6-7
- d) How does the worship celebration in the time of Ezra compare to the way you worship today?
- e) Jesus told the Samaritan woman, “True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.” (John 4:23) What does true worship look like?
- f) Share a time when music helped you experience meaningful worship.

**2. Experiencing cleansing**

- a) Nehemiah 12:30 Why is cleansing an essential part for meaningful worship?
- b) Should we wait until we are clean before we come to worship the LORD, or can we experience cleansing in His presence while we worship? Support your answer from the Scriptures.
- c) I John 1:7-9 Why is it important to recognize that we are all in need of cleansing?

- d) Share an experience of cleansing that caused you to lift your heart and voice in praise to God.

**3. Offering Sacrifices as part of Worship**

- a) Nehemiah 12:43 What “great sacrifices” were offered when the walls of Jerusalem were dedicated?
- b) Is “great” a description of quantity, or quality?
- c) What great sacrifice should be the focus of our worship today? Galatians 6:14
- d) How might we respond to such a great sacrifice on our behalf? Psalm 95:1-2, 6; Romans 12:1-2; G

**4. Giving thanks for those who lead in Worship**

- a) Nehemiah 12:44 Why did the Jewish worshipers give thanks for those who lead them in worship?
- b) Who did those priests and Levites represent?
- c) Why is it such a sacred privilege to lead others in worship?
- d) Who has God used to bless your life as he or she led a time of worship where you were present?
- e) Share a time when you were asked to lead a portion of worship.
- f) What careful preparation is necessary when we are asked to lead a time of worship?

