

## **Worship on the Walls.** Nehemiah 12:27-47

To what or to whom are you dedicated? Whether you intend to or not, you give yourself to something or someone. What is it?

1. God's People Praise Him Because...
  - a. He redeems them. (Nehemiah 1:10; 1 Peter 1:18-19)
  - b. He re-forms them as His people. (Nehemiah 8-12; Ephesians 2:11-13, 19-22)
  - c. He protects them. (1 Peter 1:3-4).
  - d. He restores their Joy. (Lamentations 5:15-18; Nehemiah 12:43; 1 Peter 1:8-9)
  
2. We Worship God by Giving Ourselves to Him and His Story... (12:30, 43)

**GOD IS FORMING A WORSHIPPING AND WITNESSING COMMUNITY OF REDEEMED PEOPLE FOR HIS ETERNAL GLORY AND OUR ETERNAL JOY.** Can you dedicate your life to that? Will you give yourself to that?

Questions:

1. What are some examples of people you know who have really dedicated themselves, given themselves, set themselves apart to a certain cause or career? What would it look like to have that same kind of dedication to Jesus and the Church?
2. What is the connection between worship and witness? How is a worshipping community of believers also a witnessing community of believers?
3. How do we go from having the mentality of "God being part of my story" to "my life is a part of God's story"?