

w/b 3rd March 2019 Another brick in the wall

PASSAGE: NEHEMIAH 12:27-47

LAUNCH: When was the last time you had a family celebration? What was the reason and what did you do? How did you feel during the celebration?

DISCOVERY

As we can see it's a time of celebration after the completion of the wall

Have we celebrated anything we have done in the church lately and given praise to the Lord for what has been achieved? Why is it good to do this?

What sort of things in the world can give us a short lived joy today?

James mentioned a few things like football, gadgets, & various hobbies

Can you name a few that are personal to you?

What is pleasurable and what is short lived about these things?

There is of course a place for enjoying leisure activities as Christians.

What however can be some of the tell tale signs that they are becoming mini idols?

James read a letter that was given 10 years ago by the little boy he was helping at Carroty Wood many years ago and he brought much joy to him.

Have you got any similar stories to share with the group about ways in which serving God has brought joy? In what way is this sort of joy more fulfilling?

Sometimes we can lose the joy of the Lord in our hearts.

What can we do to get it back?

APPLICATION

Thank God for all that he is doing in the life of the church at the moment.

Pray that all in the group may know an increased joy in the Lord.