

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Wednesday, October 28, 2020**  
**Nehemiah 12:27-47**

1. What happened in Sunday's Bible Study in Nehemiah 11 and the first part of 12?
  - a. The leaders settled in Jerusalem.
  - b. The rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of every ten people to live in Jerusalem.
  - c. It seems like maybe some additional people volunteered to live in Jerusalem.
  - d. We talked about making a sacrifice in our own life for the good of others and the accomplishment of God's plan...which I didn't like near as much as the great historical story that we were focusing on before we applied it to my life!
  
2. What is happening in verse 27 of today's text? \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. According to verses 28-30, who was involved in this celebration that they are preparing?
  - a. The musicians.
  - b. The priests and Levites.
  - c. The people.
  
4. After reading verses 31-43 what do you take away from this celebration?
  - a. Music was an important part of their praise to God! They had 2 large choirs.
  - b. This wasn't happening in the temple (for us, read church), they were standing on the wall and singing and praising God out in the open.
  - c. This sounds like a parade that is happening on top of the walls. The people were all on top of the wall and Nehemiah joined them...and the parade led to the house of God, according to verse 40.
  
5. What else was a part of their worship, according to verses 44-47? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What, according to verse 27, was the occasion for this time of worship? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Why would they have a time of worship around the "dedication" of the wall?
  - a. I don't know, but we dedicate places and vessels today...even when it is not for religious purposes.
  - b. Well, this was built for a purpose and, up to now, it has not been fully used for that purpose because it was in process. We humans like to have an initiation moment so that we know that from now on it will be used for this purpose.
  - c. Ultimately, God has called Nehemiah to rebuild this wall. Nehemiah had come to lead the people to do it, even though they had been there already and had not built it. They encountered a lot of opposition and overcame it in miraculous fashion. This time of worship serves as 1) a time of thanksgiving to God for his provision as they finished the wall, and 3) a handing over of it's use for God's purposes. He called them to build it and now it is His to use.
  
8. We have types of religious dedication services for churches, children, pastor who come to lead congregations, etc. Are there other things in your life that may be worthy of a time of worship and thanksgiving as well as dedication to God? \_\_\_\_\_