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**Date:** November 2, 2025    **Series:** NEXT85**"Bridges' Celebration: What God Has Done"**    **Scripture:** Nehemiah 12

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The scope of celebration:

The timing of celebration:

The anticipation of celebration:

The certainty of celebration:

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion**

Nehemiah 12

1. When have you experienced deeper joy because you were *personally invested* in the success of a project or endeavor?
2. How does shared participation change the meaning or level of celebration?
3. What barriers (spiritual, emotional, financial, or practical) might keep people from engaging in Bridges' vision as we begin our NEXT85?
4. What would help you feel more "in the parade" rather than "watching from the sidelines"?
5. Nehemiah didn't start in chapter 12—he worked through chapters 1–11. What "chapter" do you think you're in right now in your own story? What would "chapter 12" look like for you?
6. What helps you keep going when the work gets tough—especially when results seem far away?
7. How do you discern whether a challenge is one God is calling you to persist in versus something you need to release?
8. How does the ultimate celebration when God brings complete resurrection, redemption, restoration to the world reshape how we view our everyday work and challenges?