

Nehemiah
“Strengthen My Hands”
(Nehemiah 6:9)

Nehemiah Chapter 8: The People Worship

Worship as a response to God’s restoration

1) What was the situation in which the people desired to gather together and worship God?

Reflect: Psalm 86:15; 1 John 4:19; 1 John 4:9

2) How can we follow their example of responding to God’s work in our lives with worship to Him? How can we grow in our awareness of the connection between what is happening in our lives and God’s hand in it? What does it mean to worship God?

The importance of the word of God in worship (v1-8)

1) Who is Ezra and what was his role in Jerusalem?

Reflect: Ezra 7:10; Ephesians 5:26; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Hebrews 4:12; Isaiah 5:10-11; Matthew 24:23; Psalm 18:30, 138:2; 2 Timothy 2:15; John 5:39; 20:31; Psalm 19:7; Romans 10:17

2) What do these verses teach us about the significance of both hearing the word of God AND understanding it? Why does this matter? How has the word of God been instrumental in your journey with God?

The people repented and obeyed the word of God (v 9-18)

1) Describe the people’s response to hearing and understanding the word of God.

Reflect: Hebrews 4:12; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Romans 3:23; Galatians 3:24; Romans 6:23; Deuteronomy 30:1-3; Romans 10:13, 12:1

2) Why is repentance essential in our ongoing walk with the Lord? How are repentance and obedience related to spiritual growth? How can grief over sin lead to joy? Give examples from your life.