



May 14, 2023
Church Time

Nehemiah 8

Summary – Nehemiah has moved the ball forward as far as his gifting will allow. He has rebuilt the wall and hung the gates. He has formed the crucible for a revival. He realizes his lap is concluding and hands the baton off to Ezra, the pastor, to now renew the people. In chapter 8, we have possibly the oldest account of an actual corporate worship time of God’s people. We see key ingredients that remain as true today as they were in 5th century BC.

Scripture – Nehemiah 8:1-18; Romans 1:18; Genesis 3:4-5; Nehemiah 7

Community Group Questions:

(There is no obligation to discuss every question/quotation)

Gathered (Nehemiah 8:1, Hebrews 10:24)

- What is the importance of gathering?

It’s the Bible (Nehemiah 8:2-5)

- “The Bible can actually read you.”
- The people stood at the opening of the Word. How do you show respect for God’s word?

Congregational Response (Nehemiah 8:6-18)

- “Their body posture was representing their spiritual temperature.”
- “You and I get out of church what we want.”
- Have you had a moment where God’s word prompted a profound physical/emotional response?
- How do you work through the questions you have about the Bible?
- What are the benefits/challenges of men being the spiritual leaders of their household?
- “Obedience leads to more obedience; disobedience leads to more disobedience.”