

Message Notes

March 18, 2012

Message: Restoration of Understanding

Key Passage: Nehemiah 8

My Notes :

How I will apply this message to my life :

Prayer Items for this week :

Study Guide for Individuals and Small Groups

Ezra Reads the Law - [Nehemiah 8:1-18](#)

Open It

What events or occasions do people celebrate nowadays?

Explore It

What did the people want Ezra to read? ([8:1](#))

Who was included in the assembly at the Water Gate? ([8:2](#))

What attitude did the people of Israel have toward the Book of the Law?

What did the people do when Ezra opened the Book of the Law? ([8:5](#))

What specific steps did Ezra and the other leaders take to make this event practical for everyone? ([8:5-8](#))

How did Ezra and the people of Israel respond to the reading of the Law? ([8:6](#))

Why did the leaders declare the day sacred? ([8:9](#))

Why were the people of Israel weeping? ([8:9](#))

What words of encouragement did Nehemiah offer the people of Israel? ([8:10](#))

How had the events of this day changed the lives of the people of Israel? ([8:12](#))

What specific instructions did the leaders glean from the Book of the Law? ([8:14-15](#))

How did the people react to the newly discovered instructions? ([8:16](#))

Get It

How would you describe Israel's view of God's written Word?

In what specific ways are Israel's actions in this passage a good model for us today?

Why is it important for believers to meet corporately?

How should we follow the example of the leaders of Israel in this story?

What prompts you to praise and worship the Lord?

What steps can we take to be sensitive to the message of God's Word?

How can we guard against apathy toward God's Word?

Apply It

What specific changes do you want to make in your Bible reading habits this week?