

Sermon Discussion Questions

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Topic: Nehemiah

Scriptures – Nehemiah 8:1-13:30

- Briefly summarize the main points of the sermon.
- What questions do you still have from today's sermon?
- Read Vv. 8:1-12
 - Where did the people gather, and who was present when Ezra read the Law? How did the people respond to the reading of the Law? (Nehemiah 8:1-6)
 - Why do you think the people were so attentive to the reading of the Law? (Nehemiah 8:3)
 - What role did the Levites play in helping the people understand the Scriptures? (Nehemiah 8:7-8)
 - What was Nehemiah's instruction to the people after they wept upon hearing the Law? How did the people celebrate after understanding God's Word? (Nehemiah 8:9-12)
- Read Luke 24:27, Acts 8:30-31, & Philippians 4:4
 - Have you ever had a time when reading Scripture deeply impacted you? What happened?
 - How can you cultivate a greater hunger for God's Word in your life?
- Read Vv. 9:1-15
 - What did the Israelites do on the 24th day of the month, and what was their attitude? (Nehemiah 9:1-3)
 - Why do you think the people spent so much time confessing their sins? (Nehemiah 9:2-3)
 - How did they recount God's faithfulness throughout history? (Nehemiah 9:6-15)
 - How does recounting God's past faithfulness help in times of spiritual renewal?
- Read Vv. 9:16-21 & 38
 - Despite God's mercy, how did Israel repeatedly rebel? (Nehemiah 9:16-21)
 - What key attributes of God are highlighted in Nehemiah 9:17?
 - How does recounting God's past faithfulness help in times of spiritual renewal?
 - What does this passage teach about the balance between God's justice and mercy?
- Read 1 John 1:9
 - Why is the confession of sin so important for believers?
 - If you were to write a personal "history" of God's faithfulness in your life, what key moments would you include?

