



Nehemiah

A TIME TO BUILD

Growth Groups

Nehemiah 8:1-18

25th February 2024

Read Nehemiah 8:1-18

Feel free to stand as the passage is read again!

What struck, challenged or encouraged you from God's word on Sunday?

1. What were the ways in which the people responded to the word of God being read out?
2. We're told twice about joy in the process of the scriptures being read and applied (v10, v17). Why might we detach joy from reading and applying God's word? What might we do to reverse that?
3. This assembly of God's people points forward to the assembly set out in Revelation 21-22; how does God's word change our heart so that we can grasp more of what God shows us in both cases?
4. The collect, or prayer of Thomas Cranmer was to '*Grant that we may so hear them [holy scriptures] that we may...read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ*' What would that prayer look like in your life if it was answered?

