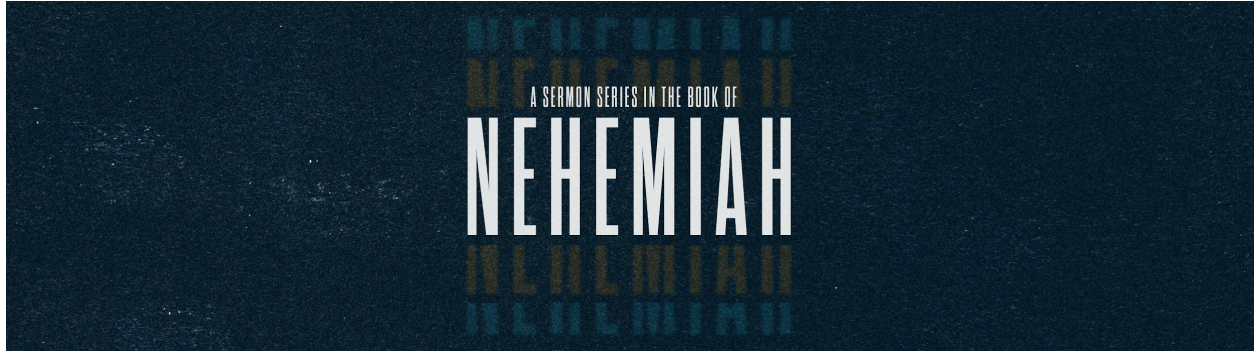


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## Nehemiah 8

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### **Explore - *Take time to think through the text/sermon.***

Take some time to listen to the sermon before you engage your Missional Community.

- What was the “Big Idea” for this sermon?
- Can you identify the major points from the sermon?
- Was there anything that the Spirit revealed throughout the sermon that you need to further engage?
- Did you find yourself needing to confess anything on the way to communion?

### **Experience - *Try to engage the text in a practical way BEFORE you gather.***

There are a few themes that are presented in this text. Let’s try to find them.

Write out how each of the following themes are seen in this passage.

- Consider the response of the Israelites. Write out what it might feel like to be in captivity.
  - Imagine the anticipation. What would it have felt like to hear the law read?
  - What aspects of the law would have felt liberating to them coming out of captivity?  
(Hint: you need to know a bit about the law.)
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- Try and also process their grief alongside them. What areas of the law would lead to grief?

**Evaluate - *Time to discuss as a community DURING your M.C. gathering.***

- How have you done at prioritizing the word of God?
- When you consider the previous question do you find yourself in grief or celebration?
- Telling you to read the word will not lead you to read or else the law would be enough. Read Hebrews 4:12 and discuss how the word shapes you.

**Equip - *Train Others as you GATHER for when you SCATTER.***

**Gospel Application:**

- If the previous is true, how is the word opening and cutting you right now?
- Acknowledged sin does not redeem sin, repentant sin redeems sin. How is Jesus better than what's being revealed in you?
- God loved the word so much that he put flesh on it, and fulfilled it for you. How does that truth also drive grief and revival in you?
- How does the gospel help you respond freely to delight in the law of God?

**Get Connected:**

Check out the upcoming events in the weekly email.

**Quote of the day:**

*"We have become far too comfortable handling holy things." - Jeff Nail (🙄🙄🙄)*

***Reminder: we are gathering 30 minutes before first service and 30 minutes after second service to discuss the capital campaign and give updates/invitations. Please inform your M.C!***