



February 26, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell Nehemiah 8:1-18 | “People of the Book”

Sermon Application Review from Nehemiah 7

Who did you identify as your ministry apprentice or successor?
How did you protect, serve, and care for the CBC family?

Scripture References

Nehemiah 8:1–18
Ezra 7:6, 9, 10, 28; 8:18, 22, 31
Psalm 19:7–13
Hebrews 4:12–13
Deuteronomy 6:6–7
Philippians 4:4–7
James 1:21–25

Study Questions

1. How do you prepare yourself to hear the Word on Sunday morning and in your community group? How should you respond or react to the reading and preaching of Scripture in corporate worship? What steps are you taking to better appreciate and understand Scripture?
2. When have you experienced a time of spiritual renewal in your life? What role did God’s Word play? How would you describe your intake of God’s Word (e.g., reading, memorizing, meditating, hearing) this past month? How committed are you to understanding and applying the Scriptures? What keeps you from regularly reading and studying the Bible?
3. Psalm 19:7–13 and Hebrews 4:12–13 describe the power of God’s Word. Reflect on each line in these passages. How are these verses true in your personal experience? How can you cultivate a greater appreciation for the Word? What are your Bible reading/studying goals? Jot down one spiritual goal in response to this sermon.
4. How does your Bible intake result in life change? Read James 1:21–25. In what areas of your life is it easy for you to obey Scripture? Where do you find it difficult? Who is presently helping you in your struggle with sin? How can you encourage others to obey God’s Word with delight, not mere duty?
5. When have you experienced deep conviction or grief from hearing, reading, or studying the Bible? How did the Lord bring His comfort and encouragement through the gospel? In what specific ways should the joy of the Lord be your strength (8:10)?

Recommended Reading

Ken Berding, *Bible Revival: Recommitting Ourselves to One Book* (Weaver, 2014)
Ken Ramey, *Expository Listening: A Practical Handbook for Hearing and Doing God’s Word* (Kress, 2010)
Christopher Ash, *Listen Up!: A Practical Guide to Listening to Sermons* (The Good Book Company, 2009)
Gary Thomas, *Pure Pleasure: Why Do Christians Feel So Bad about Feeling Good?* (Zondervan, 2009)