



Bible study for the week starting October 25, 2026

SHARE

Do you have a “life verse?” Maybe it’s a confirmation verse from your youth, one someone chose for you or one that took hold of you from God’s Word. What is it, and why this particular verse?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read [Nehemiah 8](#). Ezra, the priest, reads the Law of Moses to the people. Picture the scene from this description; what do you see/hear/observe?
2. When the people heard the Word and realized all the things they had been missing or of which they had been ignorant, their temptation was to weep. Yet Nehemiah pointed them toward joy, thanksgiving, and celebration. Why?
3. Once we *know* the Word, we no longer can claim ignorance. God’s expectation is obedience. What’s an example of this?
4. Read [Romans 3:19-28](#). This is a key passage of the Reformation, responsible for a sort of “lightbulb” moment for Luther. What is it about these verses that spoke to Luther (and maybe you also!)?
5. Read [John 8:31-36](#). The Protestant Reformation started by Martin Luther was about freedom that comes only through the Gospel. In a climate where indulgences and God’s forgiveness were being bought and sold, why does this message resonate? Why might it resonate well today in our 2026 context?

PRAY

Pray that you would be “people of the book,” that you would hear, know, hold sacred, learn, and apply the truth and grace of God’s Word to your life.



NEHEMIAH: PEOPLE OF THE WORD

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-12 (Rom. 3:19-28; John 8:31-36)

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VDMA = The Word of the Lord ENDURES Forever (Is. 40:8).

We believe, teach and confess:

1. The Gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to call us from DEATH to LIFE (Eph. 2).
2. The Holy Spirit accompanies the spoken, preach and read Word of God to CREATE (or “FORM”) FAITH.
3. The Word and Spirit work hand in hand to “NORM” your LIFE, to bring it into alignment with the will of God.
4. There is a WISDOM that comes from the Word of God about which we would otherwise be IGNORANT.

Worship: “We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it SACRED and GLADLY hear and learn it” (*Explanation to the 3rd Commandment*).

SCRIPTURE alone

GRACE alone

FAITH alone

CHRIST alone

GLORY to God alone

What Scripture verses have helped build or rebuild you?

For next week, please read Nehemiah 9.