

2021 Community Groups

WEEKLY GUIDE

August 15

Pastor Aaron continued the series entitled: "From the Ground Up" out of the Book of Nehemiah. This week's topic is on 'People of the Book, People of Confession and People of Worship.' **WARNING:** You can do all the activities discussed in this message and still not experience God and His transformation. This is about the posture of our hearts and lives. We are going to see 3 snapshots of moments where the people of God got it right. They responded appropriately! Their anticipation and expectation of God was in the right place. Their posture was humble, willing and worshipful.

Community Prayer:

Lord, thank you for another opportunity to fellowship around the study of your Word, and as we do, let us not just be hearers but doers of your Word. Let us emulate the posture of the Children of Israel who were People of the Book, People of Confession and People of Worship; in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Opening Questions

1. What sticks out to you the most as you overview the 3 snapshots from Nehemiah? Does one of them resonate with you more than the others? Please share why.

EXPLORATION

Read the passages below...what can you learn about what it means to follow Jesus from these passages? (Have someone read from their bible)

People of the Book:

Nehemiah 8:8-10

2. How important do you think it is to read, study and apply the Bible to your everyday life?
 - a. Which of these three is more challenging for you to do? Why?
3. There is a time to weep from reading passages in the Bible and a time to rejoice as well; during this season what is your ratio for weeping and rejoicing? Why?
4. Why is the Joy of the Lord your strength?



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How are we people of the Book?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

5. Which of the four areas of Scripture usefulness (teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness) resonate with you? Why? Which is not well received? Why?
6. Why is it important as men and women of God to be thoroughly equipped for every good work by being doers of the Word?

Luke 6:46-49

7. What does hearing the Word of God and not putting it into practice reveal to God?

Our personal engagement with Scripture is one of the most significant keys to growing and sustaining a vibrant faith in Christ. Not just listening to someone else, but personally for ourselves, digging in. It's not like our favorite dessert, as long as we get a taste once in a while we will be satisfied. It's our Daily Bread, our sustenance!

People of Confession:

Nehemiah 9:3

8. Why do you think confession both of what we believe and of sin is so important?
9. When we confess our sins to God what are we doing?

How are we to be people of Confession?

1 John 1:8-9

10. When you claim to have no sin as a believer, how does this become self-deception?
 - a. When we fall into this trap who are we glorifying?
11. What is the result of genuine confession? (see verse 9)



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People of Worship:

Nehemiah 12:43

12. Do you think it's true to say that the way you spend your time, energy and money are all acts of worship? Why or Why not?
13. Are there specific ways God could be inviting you to respond to this week's discussion? If so, would you share an example?

How are we to be people of Worship?

Colossians 3:16-17

14. How does studying Scripture and Singing reflect your love for all that God has done and is doing in your life?

Romans 12:1

15. What have you done this month to offer your body as a living sacrifice to God?

THE TAKEAWAY

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PRAYER REQUESTS



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