



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM JUNE 1/2 SERMON

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1. Read [Nehemiah 6:16](#). What prompted the people of Israel to get serious about their relationship with God?
2. Sometimes we wait for someone else to motivate us spiritually. Read [Nehemiah 8:1](#). Who encouraged Ezra to “bring the Book”? What should ignite us to a deeper relationship with God?
3. Read [Nehemiah 8:2-3](#). How long did the people engage with God’s Word? What caused the people to be “attentive to the Book of the Law”? What do you need to do to engage in God’s Word and be attentive to what God is saying to you?
4. Read [Nehemiah 8:4-9](#) and discuss the following questions:
 - Why was it important for Ezra to be standing on a platform?
 - Why was it important for the 13 men named in [Neh. 8:4](#) to be standing with him?
 - How did the people respond to the reading of Scripture?
 - What prompted their response?
 - Why did the Levites go among the people and explain God’s Word?
5. Read [Psalm 119:103](#), [127](#), and [131](#). What should be our response to God’s Word?
6. Read [Nehemiah 8:10](#). Discuss the truth found at the end of the verse —“the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Where do we find the Lord’s joy? How do we keep the Lord’s joy alive in our lives?
7. Read [Psalm 19:7-8](#), [Psalm 119:111](#), and [Jeremiah 15:15](#). How do we keep God’s joy activated in our lives?
8. Read [Romans 5:1-5](#). Why should the believer rejoice in his/her sufferings?
9. Read [Nehemiah 8:14-17](#). Why was there “very great rejoicing” among the people?

10. We must be people of the Book. We need to read God's Word to learn who God is and who we are. We need to study God's Word to understand what God desires and how we should respond. We must obey God's Word to experience God's joy and strength.

Two things:

- If you are not reading God's Word daily, I encourage you to join me each morning for a time in God's Word. You can sign up for these Devos at: <https://www.biblechapel.org/devos>
- Why do you think many people struggle with reading God's Word every day? What types of tools, encouragement, support, or accountability would be helpful for you to stay committed to Bible reading plan? I would love to know and help you in your journey. Email me at rmoore@biblechapel.org with your thoughts.