



**Memory Verse:**

- **Deuteronomy 4:7** -- For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?

**Sermon Sentence:**

Applying the teachings of the bible holds everything together.

- Discuss how applying the teachings of the bible is the mortar which holds everything together.

**Read Nehemiah 8:1-8**

**Take it home:**

Ask God to create a hunger for his word in you.

Commit to read at least one verse in the bible each day.

- Discuss why it seems to be a struggle for some to develop a hunger for God's word resulting in reading very little of the bible on their own.
- What are some ways this can be addressed in the lives of individuals.

**Application**

1. We must open the Bible. (Nehemiah 8:1-3)
  - **Read I Peter 2:1-3**
2. We must understand the Bible. (Nehemiah 8:8)
  - **Read 2 Timothy 2:15 and John 14:26**
3. We must apply the teachings of the bible. (Nehemiah 8:9-18)
  - **Read Nehemiah 8:9-18 and James 1:22**

Discuss ways the verses included in the application section can make it an impact in your daily life.