

JOY THAT COMES FROM GOD'S WORD

Nehemiah 8, page 389

- I. Teach God's word clearly; listen attentively (Nehemiah 8:1-8).
 - A. Men and women eagerly listened to God's word (1-3).
 - Everyone who is old enough can listen and understand.
 - B. Ezra read and explained God's word clearly (4-8).
 - We must listen to God's word worshipfully.
 - God's word must be read but also explained clearly.
- II. Respond to God's word in joyful obedience (Nehemiah 8:9-18).
 - A. People began to weep when they realized their sin (9a).
 - God's word should convict/show us our sin (Hebrews 4:12).
 - B. Ezra urged them not to weep but to rejoice (9b-12).
 - The people were to joyfully celebrate God's grace (9b-10a; Psalm 30:11-12).
 - God gives joy and strength as we obey His word (10b-12; Psalm 19:7-8; Jeremiah 15:16).
 - C. The people obediently celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles (8:13-18; Leviticus 23:34-43; James 1:21-25).
 - Am I willing to change and obey when God shows me something about me through His word?

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- My church family Bible study plan is
