July 13, 2025

Open It

Nehemiah 8

**Announcements:** If you serve in any capacity at Boulder Mountain…Join us Wednesday Night to help us prepare for the new ministry year! 6:00 PM

Have you attended a High School reunion? What one thing most surprised you? How had your classmates changed? What has changed the most about you?

**Observation**

1. The people were allowed to return (with Ezra) in 458 BC. Why do you think it took 13 years until the people gathered to read God’s Word in 445 BC?
2. In Nehemiah 8, what actions did the people take to show their hunger and reverence for God’s Word? How long did they stand and listen?
3. According to Ezra 7:10, what three things did Ezra set his heart to do regarding the Law of the Lord?
4. In John 17, what does Jesus pray for concerning those who would believe in Him? What is the purpose of this prayer for unity?
5. What festival did the people rediscover and celebrate after hearing the Law read, and what was its significance?

**Interpretation:**

1. What played a bigger role in your faith journey? Personal Bible study or public preaching of the Word?
2. Who helped the people understand the Bible in the first Bible Study? Nehemiah 8:7-9
3. Who is in the 2nd Bible Study?? (Verse 13)

**Applications:**

1. What do you struggle with the most? Open It, Learn It, Live It, or Pass it On?
2. What one activity from this chapter (Nehemiah 8) would help revitalize your church? How can this small group help with that?
3. Who are you reading the Bible with? Do you have friends you can do a Bible reading plan with and share your comments with each other?
4. How do you Pass It On to your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephes, neighborhood kids??