



“The Power of Understanding the Word of God”

Nehemiah 8:9-12

Part 14 in the message series: “Nehemiah”

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When God’s people understand the meaning
of God’s Word, **that understanding will:**

1. Generate **conviction** and **brokenness** over sin. (vv. 9, 11)
“Our knowledge of our sin should never be bigger than our knowledge of Jesus as our Savior; we are great sinners, but He is a greater Savior!” – John Gill
2. Call us to find our **joy** and **strength** in the Lord and not our accomplishments. (v. 10)
3. Create a **joyous** and **generous** people. (v. 12)
“A call to social joy, not a selfish joy...”

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As you read the Bible, interact with it:

- **Thoughtfully.** Be a detective.
- **Repeatedly.** Read entire books at a time.
- **Patiently.** Spend quality time in each book you study.
- **Selectively.** Decipher the who, what, where, when, and how in the text.
- **Prayerfully.** Don't copy others; ask God to reveal things to you.
- **Imaginatively.** Think about how you might write the verse.
- **Meditatively.** Reflect on the words.
- **Purposefully.** Understand that the author used structure to send a message.
- **Acquisitively.** Attempt to retain the text.
- **Telescopically.** Understand the significance of the text in light of the entire Bible.

(Adapted from Howard Hendricks, Dallas Theological Seminary)

Sermon Notes

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