

Week 6 Rise and Rebuild: God's Word Re-stories and Restores God's People

As you read through Nehemiah, we invite you begin the week with the Psalm. Read it and pray through it. Praying Scripture gives shape and meaning to our prayers. It enables us to get God's word in us and transform us. Each day, pray the Psalm alongside the Nehemiah reading for the day.

Scriptures:

Day 26 Psalm 40

Day 27 Nehemiah 9:1-25

Day 28 Nehemiah 9:26-37

Day 29 Nehemiah 9:38-10:29

Day 30 Nehemiah 10:30-39

Sermon Discussion Questions: Nehemiah 7:73-8:18

- How would you describe the way we typically engage God's word? As the Church, as God's people, as individuals in this current moment and season?
- What does the people's response to God's word in Nehemiah 8:5-6 reveal? How might it challenge or encourage us?
- As you hear and see God's people request, read, receive, rejoice, and respond to His Word, which of these do we as a whole, and as individuals, most readily engage in? Which ones seem most difficult?
- In what ways does the joy of the Lord bring strength?
- What is the impact of regular and sustained engagement with God's word?
- What might God be inviting or asking us collectively and individually to do because of His word to us in Nehemiah 8?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- In what ways have you intentionally put yourself before God's word on regular basis? What is/was the impact?
- In what ways have you treated God's word casually? What can you do to remedy this?
- When have you wept or been grieved by God's word? For what reason?
- When have you experienced great joy and rejoicing at God's word?
- What commands or instructions have you forgotten, lacked opportunity to practice or disregarded?
- In what ways has God recreated, redefined, or re-storied you through His word?
- What is one of the most meaningful Bible verses to you? Why?

Rise and Rebuild

- As you read God's word this week, pray and ask the Lord to restore in you a wonder and awe for His Word. Watch how He might delight you and bring joy and rejoicing in His Word. Thank Him for it or continue praying if you find it difficult.
- Choose one of the following words to get into action around God's word – request, read, receive, rejoice, and respond. Decide which action you will do. Each day do the thing – request God's word, read God's Word, receive God's word, rejoice in God's word, respond to God's word. What do you notice? How has God shown up in and through His word?
- As you engage the daily Psalm and Nehemiah reading, how are you responding? Record or journal what you are present to? What is God saying to you? What is He inviting you to?