

Homegroup Questions – Nehemiah 8: The Bible

Icebreaker: Do you read? If so, what do you read? (e.g. fiction, newspaper, sci-fi, mysteries etc) Do you have a favourite novel/story?

Read Nehemiah 8:1-12

- Look at verse 3. Imagine you were an Israelite standing in the burning sun listening to the Book of the Law read for 6 hours. How do you think they might have felt in that time?
- Look at verse 8.
 - How important do you think it is for the Bible to be explained? Why?
 - What are the challenges we can face when reading the Bible for ourselves?
 - Can anyone recommend any helpful things they do or resources they use to help them understand the Bible?
- Look at verse 10.
 - 'The joy of the Lord is your strength'. Do you think this is true? Why?
 - In addition to this phrase, on Sunday Jon said that 'The strength of God's word will be your joy'. Does anyone have any passages or verses that give them joy or encouragement?

Prayer Time

Let's take some time to reflect. On a scale of 1-10, with 1 meaning very hard and 10 meaning easy, how do you find reading the Bible. Write that number down or think about it in your head.

Now, think about what number you would like that number to become. Write down that number next to it or imagine it in your head.

If anyone would like to share their numbers, please do, otherwise it's ok to keep that between you and God.

Spend time in prayer for each other to fall more in love with God's Word.