

TAKING NEW GROUND THROUGH GOD'S WORD

Nehemiah 8:1-18

November 1, 2020

I. I must _____ God's Word. v. 1-8

Share a time when you personally experienced the power of God's Word in your life. How were you convicted? How did it lead you to change? What can you do to make even more of your time with the Lord right now (consider the five suggestions Chris shared, but don't feel limited to those five)?

If I want to make the most of my life for the glory of God, I will _____ and _____ God's Word.

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

When we engage with God's Word, we will be changed. List at least one thing you will do to take new ground through God's Word this week. How can your small group help keep you accountable to this goal?

II. I respond to God's Word with _____. v. 9-12

Do not get stuck in _____ over my _____, for the joy of the Lord is _____.



III. I respond to God's Word with _____ v. 13-18

When I _____ with God's Word and _____ to its authority, I will be _____.

Making the most of my time with God's Word:

1. Give it your _____.
2. Follow a _____, but not too closely.
3. _____ on what you read.
4. Get in a _____.
5. If God calls you to change..._____!

**TO WALK IN THE _____ OF GOD,
I WALK IN THE _____ OF GOD.**

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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If we prioritize God's Word and respond with joy and change, we will reap God's blessings.

1. STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

Read Nehemiah 8. For what purpose were the people assembling? In what ways do the people of Israel prioritize God's Word in this celebration? Describe the difference between hearing and understanding God's Word.

Why do the people weep and mourn in response to understanding the Word of God? How do Nehemiah and the other leaders respond to this and why? In what ways does the Word cause the people to change?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Psalm 119 is a wonderful example of craving the Word of God and the blessings it brings. What are some other Scriptures that talk about the power of God's Word? In what ways do you crave the study of Scripture? What changes can you make to develop this craving?

