

NEHEMIAH

BUILDING THROUGH THE WORD

Week 2: Read Nehemiah Chapter 8: 9-18

1. Why had the people been weeping? What does this show about the attitude of the people? Was this good or bad?
2. Why did their leaders tell them not to weep?
3. What should they do instead of weeping?
4. What can you learn from the phrase “the joy of the Lord is your strength?”
5. What role did the Levites have in the teaching (they reinforced what the other leaders said?)
6. In verse 12 we learned that the people understood the words. What did they do as a result?
7. What does the word “found” suggest in verse 14?
8. What did they find out?
9. What did their obedience cost them? Was this convenient?

Application:

When good things happen to you, do you remember those who don't have anything? When you are at a party and enjoying yourself, do you look around and reach out to the person who is lonely? Do you just think of making yourself happy or do you try to make others around you happy? The real key to true joy is to give it to others. The more joy you give to others, the more you will have yourself. How can you as a homegroup share joy with each other and those you encounter.

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