

“Standing Before God’s Word- Nehemiah 8”

Lesson Text: **Nehemiah 8:1-18.**

I. The People Before The Word.

— Nehemiah 8:1-8.

- They Hungered For God’s Word.
- They Reverenced God’s Word.
- They Worshipped Because Of God’s Word.
- They Desired To Understand God’s Word.

II. The Changes God’s Word Made In Their Lives.

— Nehemiah 8:9-18.

- They Were Convicted By God’s Word.
- They Wept Because They Were Falling Short.
- They Immediately Obeyed God’s Word.
- They Rejoiced Because They Understood God’s Will.

III. Is God’s Word That Important To Us?

— God’s Word Changes:

- “What I Believe”
- “How I Live”
- “How I Love Others”
- “Who I Become”

— Romans 12:1-2.

— Am I A Pew-Warmer? Or A Life-Changer?

— Does God’s Word Impact Your Life Enough To Make A Difference?

— In The Way You Dress? 1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-4.

- Questions for application:

Do I intentionally choose clothing that honors God?

Have I allowed the world's standards of beauty and sexuality to shape my thinking?

When modesty is preached, do I merely agree with it, or does it actually influence my choices?

— In The Way You Treat Your Neighbor? Matthew 22:39; Romans 13:8-10.

- Questions For Application:

Am I Patient With Difficult People?

Do I Gossip About My Neighbors?

Am I Kind To People Around Me?

Do I forgive Those Who Hurt Me?

Do I Pray For My Neighbors?

— Do I really Seek To Forsake Sin? James 1:21; 2 Timothy 4:2.

- Questions For Application:

Is My First Reaction To Justify My Sins Or Forsake Them?

Have I ever Prayed Specifically For God’s Help To Overcome Certain Sins?

Do I avoid Situations That I Know Will Tempt Me To Sin?

Am I More Concerned About Appearing Righteous Before Others Or Actually Being Righteous Before God?