

Live by God's Word (Nehemiah 8, p. 403)

"They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading" – Neh 8:8.

1. Read It Attentively (1-4)

- **Observation:** What do I see?
What? Why? When? How? Where? Who?
- **Interpretation:** What does it mean?
- **Application:** What does it mean to me?

2. Worship Its God (5-6)

3. Explain It Clearly (7-8)

4. Let It Convict You (9)

5. Let It Bring Comfort & Joy (10-12)

6. Obey & Apply It (10-18)

- they show compassion (10)
- they commemorate as God commanded (14-18)
- they celebrate God and His Word (10, 11, 17)

7. Proclaim & Spread It (15)

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Hearing and Doing Questions

1. What do you appreciate most about God's Word, the Bible?
2. What indicates the high esteem in which the people held God's Word (v3-6)? Do we have that level of respect today? Why do you think this is?
3. Fill in (from memory if you can) the description for each of the 3 steps of good Bible study. Then describe why all three are necessary—i.e., what results if any one of them is missing?
 - Observation:
 - Interpretation:
 - Application:
4. How many times and where in the chapter is the word "understand" or "understood" used? What do you think the significance of this is for us?
5. What's the biggest struggle you have personally regarding the Bible (e.g. regularly reading it, understanding it, obeying it, etc.)? How might you address that?
6. The people respond to God's Word by letting it convict them deeply (v9, 10), inspiring them to reverential worship (v6) and to joyous celebration (10, 12, 17). How has this chapter challenged or changed you? What will you do in response?
7. Read Psalm 119:9-16. Write your own paraphrase of it, or your own prayer echoing it.