



into
LIFE
Study guide



Nehemiah 8:1 - 18

For Individuals and Life Groups

February 28, 2016

Introduction:

History is full of great leaders, and Nehemiah is certainly one of them. Join us for a seven-week teaching series that explores some of the timeless life and leadership principles that we can learn from the ancient cupbearer to King Artaxerxes.



Into the scriptures

Read: Nehemiah 8:1-18

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What is the importance of the first day of the seventh month? (See: Leviticus 23:23-25; and Numbers 29:1-6)

What is the result of the people understanding God's word (8:9-11)? Why do they respond this way?

What is the people's response in 8:13-18? What is the significance of the shelters (see: Leviticus 23:39-44)?

What does this passage reveal about God? Nehemiah? The Israelites?



Into my life

In Nehemiah 8:7-8 there is a clear picture of the word of God being read and taught. How has reading or hearing teaching on God's word transformed your life? (Give examples)

Why do you think teaching is an important part of understanding scripture?

As part of their law, the Israelites were called to remember by participating in the Feast of Booths. This feast is no longer observed. What steps can we take to remember the work Christ has done and the permanent home he has prepared for us?

How will you be different today because of what you have just read?



Into the world

What things is it important for us to remember as God's children, as a church, as a faith community in Prince George? What steps can we take? (Pray for each other in this)



Prayer List

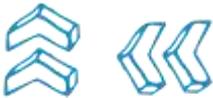


Challenge for the week:

From Nehemiah my challenge this week is to:



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A little about Westwood Church...

We believe that God changes lives!

That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



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Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world