

Time To Celebrate

Nehemiah 8:1-12

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1. God spoke to his people through his Word. (Nehemiah 8:1-3a)
2. The people chose to focus their attention on God's Word (Nehemiah 8:3b)
3. The people worshipped the God of the Word (Nehemiah 8:4-6)
 - When Ezra opened the Law, people stood
 - The people replied "Amen", lifted their hands, bowed their heads with faces pointing to the ground, and worshipped.
4. The people understood God's Word (Nehemiah 8:7-8)
 - "They read from the book" – observation
 - "Clearly" – interpretation
 - "Gave the sense" - application
5. The people responded correctly to God's Word (Nehemiah 8:9-12)
 - They grieved because of their failure to keep it.
 - They rejoiced because they understood the Scripture.