

Nehemiah Lesson 10

Building Ministry Through Worship

Day 1 Read Neh 8:1-12 Worship Through the Preaching of His Word

1. What does the word “**worship**” typically mean today? How would you channel a conversation to help someone realize its correct meaning? Be creative. _____

2. Worship can be defined as “**all that we are, responding to all that we know of Him**”. Realizing that worship is a response to the Word of God, what truths can be deduced from this statement? _____

3. Read verse 1. What should be **our attitude** when approaching the Sunday Worship Service? What should be **our expectations**? _____

4. Who is this Ezra? (Look up in a study Bible or Bible Dictionary) What kind of character should we expect from the men that “feed us”? (Ezra 7:10) _____

5. What kind of preaching is this – **topical or expositional**? Why should this be the norm? _____

Day 2 Read Neh 8:1-12 Worship Through Reverence and Prayer

1. When Ezra opened the book, the people rose to their feet in respect. (v. 5) Explain the qualification for determining whether a tradition is good or bad. (Hint: remember the saying – “**Tradition is the chaperone in the backseat of orthodoxy.**” _____

2. Give examples of **other ways** we can worship through reverence to His Word. _____

3. Read the first part of verse 6. If prayer **changes us rather than changing God**, how does prayer become the catalyst for building ministry? _____

Day 3 Read Neh 8:1-12 Worship Through Response and Explanation

1. Describe their response to the preaching of God's Word? (v. 6) What seems to be the measure of success for a sermon today? How is it different? _____

2. Verses 7-8 look a lot like our Small Group model. How does "explaining and translating" fulfill a pastoring role? What is the desired outcome of this ministry? (Jas 1:22) _____

3. What are the potential dangers if we use Small Groups for either **just fellowship** or **another Bible Study**? (Jas 4:17, 1 Cor 8:1) _____

Day 4 Read Neh 8:1-12 Worship through Repentance and Celebration

1. The Word is not always "encouraging". Often times it is "convicting". Remember our worship definition? How does lowering the view of ourselves through repentance make for better worship? _____

2. J.I. Packer says, "**Grief for sin, and joy in forgiveness are two sides of the same coin.**" Essentially, you cannot have one without the other. Explain. _____

3. Taking the ingredients of worship listed in this study; show various places where we incorporate them in body life. In what area(s) do you need improvement? Think of helpful ways for growth in this area.

(where/how) (helpful ways to improve)

1. Listening to the preaching _____
2. Reverence to His Word _____
3. Corporate prayer _____
4. Response to His Word _____
5. Explanation of His Word _____
6. Repentance by His people _____
7. Celebration by His people _____

