

Nehemiah Lesson 11

Building Ministry Through Obedience

Day 1 Read Neh 8:13-18 Discipleship

1. Christians often respond differently to the word "**obedience**". What are some misconceptions and knee-jerk reactions that result when this word is introduced? _____

2. Look at verse 13. What are some long-term problems if corporate obedience doesn't start with the **discipleship of the men**? Be specific. _____

3. What are the biggest hurdles today preventing men from **getting serious about knowing and imparting God's Word to those whom they love**? How would you explain to someone that leadership in spiritual health is even more important than areas in which they may already be leading? (such as educational growth or physical health)? _____

5. Look at that phrase "**gain insight**" in verse 13. Relate the purpose of discipleship using the explanation of these words. _____

Day 2 Read Neh 8:13-18 Discovery

1. Verse 14 says they "**found**" something. Like a freshly cleaned painting, what had they not seen before? (Lev 23:29-43) _____

2. What is something you have discovered in the Word recently? Had you not seen it before, or did it take on a different significance? _____

3. How has obedience towards that discovery changed you spiritually? _____

Day 3 Read Neh 8:13-18 Decision

1. In verse 15 after discovering God's precept, they made a decision to obey. Explain why our determination to obey is not based upon whether we deem the action to be profitable or spiritual. Give examples of disobedience using these false determinations. _____

2. How can disobedience because of complacency or excuses be just as bad as willful rebellion? (Jas 4:17) In what area have you been disobedient, but sought to justify yourself through circumstances? _____

Day 4 Read Neh 8:13-18 Discipline

1. In verses 16-17, Nehemiah explains that the congregation was disciplined to obey in even the seemingly small areas (building shanties). What was the purpose of this command? (Lev 23:42-43) _____

2. This obedience required discipline by the entire congregation. What abuse do you suppose they received from the world looking on? _____

3. What kind of modern day obedience will draw similar abuse for us? What hostilities might we endure? Give some examples. _____

Day 5 Read Neh 8:13-18 Delight

1. As Christians, "**duty no longer is a drudgery, but becomes a delight.**" What role and response does the Holy Spirit play in our obedience and disobedience? Give a Scripture reference. _____

2. The New Testament calls the church to be obedient by **growing in holiness**, and **multiplying ourselves through discipleship**. List a personal, practical step of obedience for each one. _____

