

Nehemiah 8 – Are we really committed to God's word?

Story from Malawi – would you walk for hours to get a bible?

GOD'S WORD:

1. Hearing and understanding

The people's initiative to hear the Word from Ezra (Ez 7.10)

A 6 hour service

Do we hunger for and listen to the word like this?

V8-9 – The word is understood as it is explained

V2-3 – Who was present? (Deut 4.9;11.19)

Application to us – Sunday School/ Youth ministry/ Parents

2. Responding

With the voices and bodies – v5-6

With weeping – v9 – likely over sins and shortfalls (Jam 1.22)

Instead – *Rejoice* on this holy-day (v10, Lev 23)

Great joy/ tremendous joy

For us – Good News of Great Joy (Lk 2.10) – in Jesus

With Obeying – v13-18

For us – in Christ & by the Spirit - Rom 8.1-4

John 15.5-11 – Remain in J/ Obey him/ for Joy

Like, John – love the word, be changed by it