

Questions for further study – Nehemiah 8,9,10 - March 7th '10

1. Read Nehemiah 8: 2-3, 5-6, 9: 1-3. Do you have the kind of appreciation for the word of God that these people had? How do you evidence this in your life?

Have you ever wept when you read or heard the Word of God? Do you sometimes read the Bible just to "get your reading done"? How effective is it under those circumstances?

2. What is the source of your strength? Is it Nehemiah 8.10?

What happens when you try to do things in your own strength?

Read 2 Corinthians 12.9-10; Ephesians 3.20-21; Habakkuk 3.19.

3. Who was it who gathered round in Nehemiah 8: 13 to "give attention to the words of the law"? How exact are you in obeying the word of God? Do you take liberties with it when it doesn't suit you?

4. Most of Nehemiah 9 covers some of the times when God had intervened in Israel's history. Make a list of at least 5 things from your own history that also show His care & intervention.

5. Read the specific commitments made by the people in Nehemiah 10:28-39. What would the 21st century equivalents be for these things?

Have you ever written down specific commitments you have made to God? Do you think you would find this valuable?

Talk together as a group about how you can make the most of the 24/7 prayer week in church this week.