

GOD'S PEOPLE REPENTED

Nehemiah 8-13
Unit 18, Lesson 3

WHAT WE LEARNED

God's Word is powerful. When Ezra read God's Word, the people loved God more and changed their ways. The Bible says that Jesus is "the Word." Jesus is God who came to live with people on earth. Jesus has the power to change our hearts.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Ezra is known as a good teacher and he knows the Word of God very well. He read the law for hour for the people in Jerusalem. The bible is the Word of God and we are instructed to read it in order to know the character of God.**
 - Ezra is a good teacher and Jesus is said to be the Ultimate Teacher. What is one lesson that Jesus taught in the bible?
 - God's people in Jerusalem view the reading of the Word as a form of worship. Worship does not always have to be singing songs to Jesus. What are some other ways we can worship God? How does God feel when we worship Him?
- 2. God's Word is powerful. The law reveals our sin and how short we fall of meeting God's standard. As humans, we fall short of God's standard and we need a Savior. God sent Jesus to live a perfect life and die for our sins.**
 - Repentance is a way to confess our sins and to grow closer to the heart of Jesus. Why are God's people repenting in this passage? Why is it important to repent?
 - We trust Jesus with our salvation because we could never earn it ourselves. Does Jesus require anything from us in order to be forgiven for our sins?

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

"After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."

- 1 Peter 5:10

PRAY TOGETHER

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Pray together that God would bring new life and new hope to members of your family, your neighbors, and our city through the Gospel.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person's request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

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