

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Nehemiah 8 – By the Book

1) Write down one good and one bad aspect of our culture.

2) Read **Nehemiah 8 v17-20**.

What do you think was the most helpful/challenging thing Rich said on Sunday? Why?

3) a) Read **Matthew 5 v17-20**

i) What is Jesus referring to as 'the law and the prophets'?

ii) How seriously does Jesus take these writings? Why?

b) Read **1 Timothy 5 v17-18**

i) Which two books is Paul quoting from here?

ii) What does this tell us about Paul's understanding of scripture?

c) Read **2 Peter 3 v15-16**

i) How does Peter view Paul's letters?

d) Read **Matthew 4 v1-4**

i) What do you think Jesus is referring to by 'every word that comes from the mouth of God'?

ii) What does this tell us about the scriptures?

iii) How can you take the scriptures more seriously than you do?

e) Read **Psalm 119 v14-16**

i) How does the Psalmist view God's instructions in the scriptures?

ii) In what ways do you 'delight in obeying God'?

iii) In what ways do you find it hard to obey God?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Deuteronomy 6 v1-9**

a) On which occasion is Moses speaking to the people of Israel in this passage?

b) How does Moses understand his words to be received?

c) What does this passage tell us about Moses' role in communicating God's words to his people?

d) Why should the people obey these instructions?

e) What is the main commandment given here? Why do you think it is so important?

f) How does this passage help us to understand that obeying God leads to greater joy?

g) How does Moses instruct the people to know, understand and obey these instructions? What could that look like today in our culture?

h) What can you personally do to increase your understanding of obedience to the scriptures?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Dan and Hayley got married yesterday. Please pray them as they begin their married life together.

Baptisms are on **Sunday 13th April**. Pray for the people getting baptised and for any guests that may be there on the morning.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

We are having a '**Lesotho Lunch**' on **Sunday 6th April**. We will be hearing about the recent trip to Lesotho and eating lunch together. Please speak to your small group leaders about what you can bring for the 'bring and share' lunch.

The **Catalyst Festival** is **Saturday 24th – Wednesday 28th May**. This promises to be a great time together with great worship, teaching, kids work and more!

For more information, and to book in, go to **www.catalystnetwork.org/festival**