

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Nehemiah 8:10b

“... for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow,
for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

BEGINNING AGAIN 28-1

**“CONSECRATION”
Nehemiah 8:1 – 10:39**

1. Share a thought from last week's lesson.

DAY 1 – READ Nehemiah 8:1-18

2. Where did the people gather and why?
3. a. How long did Ezra read?
b. What was the attitude of the people?
c. It is good to examine our listening skills. How well do you listen to your spouse? children? parents? peers? pastor?

What can you do to improve your listening skills?

4. a. What did the people do when Ezra opened the Book of the Law?
b. What did they do when Ezra blessed the Lord?
5. a. Ezra had many men in the crowd. What were they doing?
b. From what sources do you gain understanding of the Scriptures?
6. How did the people react when they heard and understood the Law of Moses and why do you think they reacted that way?
7. a. What does Nehemiah's statement “the joy of the Lord is your strength” mean to you?
b. Why did the people celebrate?
c. Write Jeremiah 15:16.
8. a. When the leaders gathered to study the law further, what did they find and what did they do?
b. How long had it been since Israel had celebrated the Feast of Booths/ Tabernacles?

DAY 2 – READ Nehemiah 9:1-25

9. What did the sons of Israel do in verses 1-3?
10. a. In vs. 8 God had made a _____ with Abraham.
b. In what way did God make a name for Himself?

c. What had God done at Mount Sinai?
11. a. Although rebellious, how did God continue to show compassion for them in vs. 15-21?

b. What do you think would have been the hardest part of the wilderness experience?
12. How did God provide for them when they took possession of the land?
13. What value is there in recalling God's past deeds in your life?

DAY 3 – READ Nehemiah 9:26-37

14. a. What had the people done to the prophets?
b. What do you learn at the end of vs. 28 that summarizes the book of Judges?
15. Although life in exile had been hard, what did the priest confirm in vs. 33?
16. Why were the people in great distress?
17. a. This lesson finds God's people both happy and sad. What do you learn in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8?

b. What kind of a week has this been for you? Please share.

DAY 4 – READ Nehemiah 9:38-10:31

18. a. As a result of hearing and understanding God's Word, what was done?
b. Who led in the signing?
19. a. What commitment did those who were separated make in verse 29?
b. How is a Christian to consecrate himself according to Romans 12:1?

DAY 4 (Continued) – READ Nehemiah 9:38-10:31

20. a. What promises were made in Nehemiah 10:30,31?
- b. What are some ways a Christian can separate himself from the world's standards?

DAY 5 – READ Nehemiah 10:32-39

21. Briefly, what responsibility did the people assume for the house of God?
22. How was the wood offering contribution determined?
23. a. The promise of firstfruits and tithes was made. What does Paul tell the Christian in 2 Corinthians 9:6,7?
- b. If cheerfulness in tithing is the "attitude barometer," how would you "read" yourself on a scale of 1-10?
24. a. What was their final resolve in verse 39?
- b. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). How do you keep from neglecting your house of God?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: