

Adult Impact Study Sheet

October 15, 2023 – Giving to Christ

Read **Nehemiah 8:1-9:3**; if possible from several translations.
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1. French author Victor Hugo said over a century ago, “England has two books the Bible and Shakespeare. England made Shakespeare but the Bible made England.” Warren Wiersbe wrote, “When God's people get away from loving reading and obeying the word of God they lose the blessing of God.¹” Discuss Wiersbe’s statement.
2. We see that the Word of God was Clarified (Nehemiah 8:7-8). In what ways is the Word made understandable to you?
3. We see that the Word of God was Challenging (Nehemiah 8:9, 13-18). In what ways does the Word of God challenge you?
4. We see that the Word of God was Celebrated (Nehemiah 8:12, 17-18). In what ways do you celebrate reading/hearing the Word of God?
5. Here are some suggestions to aid you in receiving the greatest benefit from reading the Bible.² Discuss each of them.
 - Read the Bible prayerfully (Psalm 119:18)
 - Read the Bible thoughtfully (Joshua 1:8)
 - Read the Bible carefully (Acts 17:10-11)
 - Read the Bible repeatedly, regularly/faithfully (Acts 17:11)
 - Read the Bible extensively (Nehemiah 8:18)
 - Read the Bible joyfully; with delight (Psalm 1:2, Romans 7:22)
 - Read the Bible obediently (Joshua 1:8, James 1:22-25, 2:8)
6. Nehemiah 8:10 says, “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” Can you testify to that?

¹ *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary*, p. 775

² *The Open Bible: Expanded Edition/NKJV*, pp. 484-485