QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you sensed the conviction of

 the Holy Spirit over a particular area of your life. How did you

 respond to that conviction?

2. What are some ways people attempt to silence the voice of God in

 their life?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about the

 conviction of the Holy Spirit:

 a) II Kings 22:18-19

b) II Chronicles 7:14

c) John 16:8-11

d) II Corinthians 7:9-10

e) I Thessalonians 1:5

f) Hebrews 11:1

g) Jude 1:15

4. Why did Ezra encourage the people to send portions of food to

 others who were in need? (v. 10)

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to write down five reasons I have for rejoicing in the Lord.
* I am going to give of my time, talents, or finances to another person in need this week.
* I am going to memorize II Chronicles 7:14.

Cornerstone Church March 13, 2022

Nehemiah 8:9-13 Study Series #17

***Ezra Reads from the Law:***

***Rejoicing Over the Word***

**I. Introduction**

 A. The Story of Seabiscuit

 B. The Story of God’s People

 (See Nehemiah 2:17; Nehemiah 5:8; Nehemiah 2:19;

 Nehemiah 4:1-3; II Timothy 3:16)

**II. Rejoicing Over the Word**

 A. The Response of the People

 (See Nehemiah 8:1-2; Nehemiah 8:18; Nehemiah 8:9;

 II Kings 22:1-20; Romans 3:20; Galatians 3:24;

 Leviticus 16:20-34)

 B. The Encouragement of Ezra

 (See Nehemiah 8:9; Leviticus 23:26-44; Jeremiah 15:16;

 Psalm 19:8; Psalm 30:11; Acts 20:24; Joel 2:25-26)

 C. The Exhortation of Ezra

 (See Nehemiah 8:10; Leviticus 3:17; Leviticus 7:23-24;

 Genesis 27:28; Genesis 45:18; Psalm 104:14-15;

 Zechariah 10:7; Deuteronomy 16:11-14; Romans 12:13;

 Hebrews 13:2; James 1:27; Zephaniah 3:17; Hebrews 12:2)

 D. The Consolation of the Levites

 (See Nehemiah 8:11; Psalm 23:4; Proverbs 3:11-12;

 Hebrews 12:11)

 E. The Response of the People

 (See Nehemiah 8:12; Nehemiah 8:2-3; Nehemiah 8:7-8;

 II Samuel 6:13-23; Numbers 14:1-35)

**III. Conclusion**

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

Nehemiah 8:9-12

**9**Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest *and* scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people ; were weeping when they heard the words of the law. **10**Then he said to them, “Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” **11**So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved.” **12**All the people went away to eat, to drink, to send portions and to celebrate a great festival, because they understood the words which had been made known to them.

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