QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when the Holy Spirit made you

 aware of an area in your life that needed to change.

2. What are some reasons people are hesitant to change?

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

 obedience:

 a) I Samuel 15:22

b) Jeremiah 7:23

c) John 3:36

d) Romans 6:16

e) II Corinthians 10:5

f) Hebrews 5:8

g) I Peter 1:14

4. In what ways is a mirror like the Word of God?

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

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

* I am going to establish a plan to read through the entire Bible.
* I am going to partner with another person to discuss the Scriptures I am reading.
* I am going to memorize John 3:36.

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Nehemiah 8:13-18 Study Series #18

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

***Responding with Obedience to the Word***

**I. Introduction**

 A. Time to Reevaluate

 B. The Mirror of the Word of God

 (See James 1:22-25; Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 7:7;

 Hebrews 4:12)

 C. The People of God

 (See Ezra 6:13-15; Nehemiah 6:15; Nehemiah 8:1-8;

 Nehemiah 8:9; Psalm 119:130; Romans 3:20)

**II. Responding Through Obedience**

 A. The People Seek Insight into God’s Word

 (See Nehemiah 8:13; Ezra 7:10)

 B. The Lord Gives Insight into God’s Word

 (See Nehemiah 8:14; Leviticus 23:33-44; Zechariah 14:4,9;

 Zechariah 14:16-20; II Peter 1:12)

 C. The People Obey the Word of God

 (See Nehemiah 8:15; Matthew 4:7-10; Luke 4:4-8;

 Nehemiah 8:16)

 D. The People Rejoice in the Word of God

 (See Nehemiah 8:17; II Chronicles 8:13; Ezra 3:1-4)

“God doesn’t give us joy instead of sorrow, but joy in

 the midst of sorrow. It is not a substitution, but a

 transformation.” *Bible Teacher, Warren Wiersbe*

 E. The People Continue in the Word of God

 (See Nehemiah 8:18; Numbers 29:35: II Chronicles 7:14)

**III. Conclusion**

 (See Isaiah 55:11; Acts 20:27)

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 8:13-18

**13**Then on the second day the heads of fathers’ *households* of all the people, the priests and the Levites were gathered to Ezra the scribe that they might gain insight into the words of the law. **14**They found written in the law how the Lord had commanded through Moses that the sons of Israel should live in booths during the feast of the seventh month. **15**So they proclaimed and circulated a proclamation in all their cities and in Jerusalem, saying, “Go out to the hills, and bring olive branches and wild olive branches, myrtle branches, palm branches and branches of *other* leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written.” **16**So the people went out and brought *them* and made booths for themselves, each on his roof, and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at the Water Gate and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim. **17**The entire assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in them. The sons of Israel had indeed not done so from the days of Joshua the son of Nun to that day. And there was great rejoicing. **18**He read from the book of the law of God daily, from the first day to the last day. And they celebrated the feast seven days, and on the eighth day *there was* a solemn assembly according to the ordinance.

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