



What a Wall Will Do! | Nehemiah 8 | November 17th - 23rd, 2013

Warm-up: The ultimate purpose of the *Word* of God is the worship of God. What does this mean?

- We might summarize **Nehemiah 8** as a snapshot of revival. It documents what happens when *the Spirit of God works through the Word of God, in the lives of the people of God*. How have you personally experienced God's Word to be a catalyst for change in your own life?
 - Walls provide context. They give definition to a particular environment.
 - What "spaces" feel the most important and vital for you to pay attention to in this season of your life? (e.g. Marriage, Evangelism, Discipleship, Parenting, Leadership, intentional community, etc.)
 - Take some time to define the "walls" of the space you are most concerned with right now. For example, if parenting is on your radar, you may identify *intentional prayer, quality time, modeling the way and fun* as your four most crucial "walls" which provide the framework for how you will parent your kids in this season.
 - Do this exercise for the "space" you feel most compelled to focus on right now.
 - At the close of Sunday's service we examined 5 principles gleaned from Nehemiah 8, which demonstrated the immense value of God's Word being joyfully received in a person's life.
 - How do these encourage, convict, or inspire you?
 - Share how these principles have played out in your own life!
- 1) If we will, by faith, make the Bible a priority in our lives, than we will experience great joy!
 - 2) The purpose of the Word of God is the worship of God!
 - 3) Understanding the Word takes work and though the meaning is always the same, the application can vary from generation to generation.
 - 4) Rejoice in what the Word is teaching us and share it with others!
 - 5) Always read the Word with your eye toward obedience and you will never be bored, or be boring as a teacher of it!

Wrap-up: Close in worship. Praise our living God for the work He is doing in San Clemente in this season. Praise Him for His Word, His grace, and His glory!