

How to Go to Church – Part II

Nehemiah 8:1-12

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Series: Church

If you want anointed preaching, you must have:

- A prepared heart
- A prepared mind

The People wanted to Learn.

Ezra read the Word from morning till midday...
The ears of the people were attentive.

Nehemiah 8:3

...when he opened it, all the people stood up.

Nehemiah 8:5

For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of
the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Expositional Teacher

Explains the Word so that the people can understand it.

Expositional Learner

Listening so you can understand it

Understanding the Word of GOD

1) Meditate on the upcoming sermon passage during your quiet time

Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Psalm 119:11

Hidden 'keeping in the secret place.'

How you begin to meditate/hide His Word in your heart

- Read ahead
- Outline the text in your quiet time
- Use it in your prayer life

Please turn to 1 Corinthians 14:20

Please turn to Proverbs 25:2

Understanding the Word of GOD

1) Meditate on the upcoming sermon passage during your quiet time

2) Talk and pray with friends about the sermon after church

As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

Proverbs 27:17

Start Spiritual Conversations By:

- Asking how did the Scriptures challenge you or speak to you today?
- Encouraging others by sharing things you learned about God and His Word during the message.
- Making particular note of how the Scripture has changed or challenged your thinking.
- Praying with and for others that God would give His people an attentive ear.

Are you going through trials?

This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.

Psalm 119:50

Need guidance?

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105

Are you going through trials? (Psalm 119:50)

Need guidance? (Psalm 119:105)

Need hope?

My soul faints for Your salvation, but I hope in
Your word.

Psalm 119:81

Need His mercy?

Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I
may live; for Your law (word) is my delight.

Psalm 119:77

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Need guidance? (Psalm 119:105)

Need hope? (Psalm 119:81)

Need His mercy? (Psalm 119:77)

Need freedom from sin?

If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

John 8:36

As God's Church:

- We gather for prayer
- We gather for worship
- We gather for the Word
- We gather to glorify God
- We gather to exalt Christ

Understanding the Word of GOD

- 1) Meditate on the upcoming sermon passage during your quiet time
- 2) Talk and pray with friends about the sermon after church
- 3) Apply the sermon throughout the week**
 - a) Listening to the sermon throughout the week.
 - b) Taking notes.

Please turn to James 1:22-25

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- Are there relationships where I should have responded with kind words?

- Was there a conversation that I had where I was involved in gossip?

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- Is there a person that I tore down in the past three weeks by my words or attitude?

- Is there any place in the Bible where it's ok to tear others down?

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- Did I lash out at someone because I felt they wronged me or did I stop and pray for them and ask God to search my own heart?

The secret things belong to the LORD our God,
but those things which are revealed belong to
us and to our children forever, that we may do
all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 29:29

Understanding the Word of GOD

- 1) Meditate on the upcoming sermon passage during your quiet time
- 2) Talk and pray with friends about the sermon after church
- 3) Apply the sermon throughout the week
- 4) Cultivate humility**

Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips...For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

Isaiah 6:5

The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of coins of gold and silver.

Psalms 119:72



(7) Two things I request of You

(Deprive me not before I die):

(8) Remove falsehood and lies far from me;

Give me neither poverty nor riches—

Feed me with the food allotted to me;

(9) Lest I be full and deny You,

And say, “Who is the LORD?”

Or lest I be poor and steal,

And profane the name of my God.

Proverbs 30:7-9

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