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Series: Nehemiah – Building to Transform
“Back to the Word of God” – Nehemiah 8

Restore Your Spiritual Life with the Word of God.

Proverbs 30:5

How can we let the Word of God speak to us?

- **Be an Active Listener. Intellectual Response (v. 1-8).**
 - o Personal Preparation
 - o Prepared Attitude – teachable
 - o Preoccupied with God-pleasing rather than timekeeping or man-pleasing.
 - o Principles applied to their daily living.
 - o Romans 10:17 – Listen and Obey
- **Be moved in Your Heart. Emotional Response (v. 9-12).** Heb 4:12; 2 Tim 3:16
 - o The Word of God will teach you truth... rebuke you when you are going down the wrong path... correct you in the way you should go... train you in thinking and living God's way.
 - o Truth and Grace/ Word and Spirit
- **Be Alive by Obedying the Lord. Action Response. (v. 13-18)** Titus 2:11-14; Luke 11:28; John 8:31; John 14:12-17

Read, Study, Meditate, Memorize, Discuss the Word of God resulting in obeying the Lord.

When the Word of the Lord comes to you what do you do with it?

People who hear and obey the Word of God....

- i. Do not peddle the Word of God. 2Cor2:17
- ii. Do not distort the Word of God. 2Cor 4:2
- iii. Do not take away or add to the Word of God. Rev 22:18-19; Deut 4:2; 12:32
- iv. Do not malign the Word of God. Titus 2:5; Acts 17:11;

Isaiah 66:2b - Tremble at the Word of God.

Life Group Questions

1. Take time to Re-read Nehemiah Chapter 8.
2. Do you have a personal daily Bible reading plan?
3. What are the last two verses you memorized from God's word? Share one with your small group.
4. When we do not actively obey the Word of God what are the results in our lives?
5. Pastor Robin talked about the Word of God working specifically in each of our lives as we track with God. What implications does this have for us as individuals and as a community of believers?
6. Why is it so important to “test” the messages we are hearing or books we are reading against scripture?
7. How does 2Tim 3:16 and 2Peter 1:20-21 change our view of scripture?
8. What is the one thing that impacted you from this message?
9. What is the step of obedience that you need to take as a result?
10. Who are you going to be accountable to in order to see this step realized in your life?