WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO
Nehemiah 8

(v.1)
For Ezra **(Protect or give aid, help)** *had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel. Ezra 7:10*

Emphasis will be on _____(v.2)
The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor 2:14

...in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue. 1 Cor 14:19

The service was _____ long (v.3)
Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching. 1 Timothy 4:13-14

RESULTS OF TEACHING THE WORD:

1. Creates a heart of _____ (v.6)

(vv.7-8) The Method: Expositional Teaching
Exposition- a setting forth of the meaning or purpose (as of a writing) (Webster)

They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read. Nehemiah 8:8 (NIV)

2. Brings _____ (v.9)

3. Brings _____ (vv.10-12)
...the people went away...with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them. Nehemiah 8:12 (NIV)

JEREMIAH *Thy words were found and I ate them, And Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart;... Jeremiah 15:16*
JESUS *"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. John 15:11*
DAVID *If your law hadn't sustained me with joy, I would have died in my misery. I will never forget your commandments, for you have used them to restore my joy and health. Psalm 119:92-93 (NLT)*
4. Teaching the Word brings _____ and understanding brings _____ (vv.12-18) Leviticus 23:40-43

The Word of God is our spiritual _____
Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation 1 Peter 2:2

Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4
The _____of God and
The _____of God are always together
Do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord. Always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father, Ephesians 5:18-20

Let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. Col 3:16-17

Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John. Acts 18:24-25

The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63