

# LG | Guide

## [Nehemiah 8 – Self Guided]

### WARM-UP (10 mins)

**Prepare your mind to receive God's word. Take a moment to be silent. Pray for your mind to receive God's Word.**

(Briefly flip through chapters 1-7 to recall the events in the book of Nehemiah. Now, read chapter 8.)

### ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

**Open your Bibles to the primary text.**

1. In this chapter, we read about the wooden platform built for Ezra "for this purpose." Was this the first time Ezra had publicly read scripture to the people? How does the bible help us answer this?
2. How did Nehemiah handle children in regard to the public reading of Scripture?
3. We read that the people listened attentively and even stood when the word of God was read. List some good reasons you and others should listen attentively in church?
4. Understanding was very important to Ezra and Nehemiah. Where does this chapter emphasize understanding and what lengths do you go to, to truly understand God's word?
5. Nehemiah chapter 8 is not all prescriptive (instructive for us today), but we can gather helpful principles to guide us in church today. If Ezra's public reading was a church service, what did the service include?
6. Verse 8:12 says they ate, drank, sent portions and rejoiced? Why is this verse important for us?
7. What is the Festival of Booths? Where did it come from and why is it important to Ezra and Nehemiah?
8. If you could describe this chapter in just a few words, what would it be?

### KIDS EMPHASIS

**God has written a book for us so that so that we can know all there is to know about Him. God's word is a treasure, a book that we can hold on to and trust even in hard times. God uses His word to remind us of all that he has done for us.**

Questions to discuss with kids:

1. How would you describe the Bible to one of your friends?
2. How do we as a family remember God? Daily/Weekly/Yearly?

### PRAY

**Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.**