

HOW TO BE RESTORED SPIRITUALLY: Part 1
LEARNING BY THE PEOPLES EXAMPLE OF REVERENCE
Nehemiah 8:1-6

- I. WE NEED TO **START WITH A DESIRE TO BE TAUGHT THE WORD OF GOD** and **GATHER TOGETHER** to hear His Word from His teachers:** The people gathered together and asked for Ezra to bring the Scriptures and he brings the Word before the Assembly (1-2)
- A. We need to seek the Lord's men to teach us His Word and assemble to listen to them:** The people showed a desire for His Word by asking Ezra to bring it (1)

 - B. Ezra brings the Word before the assembly** of all who could listen with understanding (2)
- II. WE NEED TO **LISTEN ATTENTIVELY TO THE WORD WITH A PREPARED HEART** SO THAT WE MIGHT UNDERSTAND:** The people listened intently with reverent hearts (3-6)
- A. An Overview:** The Word read before all who could understand, and all were attentive (3)

 - B. The people's example of prepared hearts to receive the Word (4-6)**
 - 1. The people showed reverence for the Lord's Word (4-5)

 - 2. Ezra prepared their hearts with prayer, and they responded...Amen, Amen! (6a)

 - 3. The people showed reverence for the Lord in worship (6b)

(Next week)

III. WE MUST LEARN/UNDERSTAND THE WORD TAUGHT TO US, allowing the Spirit empowered **WORD'S Conviction and Correction** in our hearts (7-12)

IV. WE MUST SET OUR HEARTS TO OBEY WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED/UNDERSTOOD and then obey (13-18)