

The Israelites read the words of God because He asked them to.

Nehemiah 7:73b-8:1; 1 Peter 2:2 Notes:

The Israelites paid close attention to what God had to say through His word.

Nehemiah 8:2-3; Colossians 3:16 Notes:

The Israelites stood up to show how important God's word is. Nehemiah 8:4-5 Notes:

The Israelites responded to God's word by praising God for His word, agreeing with God about His word, bowing before God in submission to His word, and crying over the ways they had failed to follow God's word.

Nehemiah 8:6-9 Notes:

> How important is God's word to you? What are some ways that we can show God how much His word means to us? What needs to change about your response to God's word? What are three lessons that God is teaching you or reminding you of tonight?

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