

Pacific Growth Group – Sermon Questions

Week of November 9th, 2025

Sermon Series: The Build – An Exploration into Nehemiah

Sermon Theme: “When God’s Word Comes Home.”

Primary Text(s): Nehemiah 8.

1. **Read Nehemiah 8.**
2. *What do you notice about the people’s attitude toward Scripture in Nehemiah 8:1-3? How does their hunger challenge or inspire you?*
 - a. Prompt for Leaders: Invite the group to empathetically reflect on their approach to Scripture with the Israelites’ eagerness.
 - i. *Follow-Up: What might it look like to “turn your ears toward God’s Word” in this season of your life?*
3. *The sermon noted, “Access doesn’t equal appetite.” Why do you think spiritual hunger fades even when Bibles are everywhere?*
 - a. Prompt for Leaders: Encourage honest reflection; no guilt, just curiosity.
 - i. *Follow-Up: What habits or environments have helped you rekindle your desire for God’s Word in the past?*
4. *Verse 8 says the Levites “made it clear and gave the meaning.” What does this reveal about God’s design for understanding Scripture together?*
 - a. Prompt for Leaders: Highlight that the Word is meant to be read in community, not isolation.
 - i. *Follow-Up: Who helps you understand Scripture more deeply, and how can you invite others into that learning?*
5. *When the people wept after hearing the Law (v. 9), what were they realizing? How have you experienced conviction through Scripture in your own life?*
 - a. Prompt for Leaders: Normalize conviction as part of spiritual growth, not shame.
 - i. *Follow-Up: What helps you move from conviction to hope instead of staying stuck in guilt?*
6. *What do you think “the joy of the Lord is your strength” (v. 10) really means?*
 - a. Prompt for Leaders: Contrast God’s joy in us with our own striving to be strong.
 - i. *Follow-Up: How does viewing joy as God’s delight over you change the way you handle failure or repentance?*

7. *The sermon said, “True freedom is found in obedience to God, not autonomy from God.” How does that challenge cultural ideas of freedom today?*
 - a. Prompt for Leaders: Normalize conviction as part of spiritual growth, not shame.
 - i. *Follow-Up: When have you discovered unexpected joy in obeying God’s direction?*

8. *Hunger → Understanding → Joy → Obedience was described as the rhythm of revival. Which part of that rhythm do you most identify with right now?*
 - a. Prompt for Leaders: Encourage group members to self-assess without pressure.
 - i. *Follow-Up: What step might help you move forward in that progression this week?*

9. *The sermon asked, “When has God’s Word moved from information to transformation in your life?”*
 - a. Prompt for Leaders: Encourage testimony; stories of when Scripture “came alive.”
 - i. *Follow-Up: How can we create environments—in church, family, or small groups—where God’s Word keeps coming home?*