

Shaped by the Word

Session 3



‘And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.’

Nehemiah 8

UP: Introduction

- What Christian festivals/conferences/teaching have you been on/do you listen to?
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- What stories do you have of these, and how have they shaped you?

IN: Explore

READ: **Nehemiah 8**

Context:

God’s people are released from exile and return home to Jerusalem. At this point, they have fully returned, the temple and city walls have been rebuilt and they gather to celebrate.

What does the passage say about the importance of God’s Word? What does this mean for us today?

What is the significance of v10? What is the relevance of this verse for you as lockdown eases?

What does the passage tell you about the ‘family’ aspect of being part of church (see v2 and 13 especially)?

What can we learn about celebration and worship from this passage?

OUT: Impact

- How would you like the truths related to this passage to impact your life today?