

REBUILDING A NATION – Nehemiah 8:1-18

Lesson 12

- I. Beginning a new focus
 - A. From rebuilding a wall to rebuilding a people
 - B. Key elements
 - 1. **Revival** of the people
 - 2. **Repopulation** of Jerusalem
 - 3. **Dedicating** the wall
 - C. Nehemiah's leadership style
 - 1. A leader's **relationship** with **God**
 - 2. A leader's **relationship** with his **superiors**
 - 3. A leader's **relationship** with his **subordinates**
 - 4. A leader's **focus** on his **task**
 - 5. A leader's **handling** of **opposition**
 - 6. A leader and the **nation**

II. Revival in the nation

A. Reading the Word

"The Bible is the cornerstone of liberty."

Thomas Jefferson

- 1. What **happened** when Ezra **read** the Word of God?
 - a. An **elevated** platform
 - b. Flanked by 13 **Levites**
 - c. Read for **six hours**
 - d. The people **stood**
- 2. The people's **response**
- B. Prayer brought about an expectation.
 - 1. The **reading** of the **law** was about God.
 - 2. The **reading** gave an **anticipation** of what God would do.
- C. The interpretation of the Word
 - 1. God's Word needs to be **read** and **respected**.
 - 2. God's Word needs to be **understood**.
- D. Conviction of sin
 - 1. Grief over **sin**
 - 2. Joy over **healing**

III. Getting back to the basics

- A. They became people of the Book.
 - 1. Life involved **ongoing** Bible study.
 - 2. Life began to **revolve** around **worship**.
- B. They became people who obeyed the Book.
 - 1. They participated in the **festivals**.
 - 2. They concluded with a "**solemn assembly**".