**THE PEOPLE AND THE BOOK - (Nehemiah 8**)

1. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF God (8:1-8) (Mind)

2. WE MUST REJOICE IN THE WORD (8:9-12) (Heart)

 3. WE MUST OBEY THE WORD (8:13-18) (Will)

1. If we want to be like fruitful trees, we must in God's Word (Ps. 1:2-3).

2. We are commanded to "give attention to the reading of Scripture" (1 Tim 4:13),

3. The secret of Christian joy is to what God says in His Word and upon it.

4. Faith based on the of God will produce joy that will weather the of

life.

5. There are great buried in God's Word, and you and I must "dig" for them as we read, meditate, and pray.

6. God doesn't give us joy of sorrow, or joy of sorrow, but joy in the of sorrow. It is not substitution but transformation

**STUDY QUESTIONS**

1 When has God's Word particularly touched you or helped you in a powerful way?

2 After the Levites read, taught, and explained the Word, how did the people respond? Why did they respond that way?

3 When someone mourns or grieves, it is usually over the loss of something. What did the Israelites realize they lost when they heard God's Word?

4 Describe a time when you have experienced conviction and grief from a truth you read in Scripture.

5 What keeps us from repenting when we should?

6 After the people mourned, what did Nehemiah instruct them to do? Why?

7 How can we celebrate the impact of the Word on our lives?