

This last group that might be able to understand best what is going on in our reading from Neemiah.

We can lack appreciation how many forms of the Bible...
(22/450 versions/ Singles, Married, Teens, Seniors, Moms,
Dads, Girls, Boys, Daily Devotion, Study, Retired, Military)

Context: Return from Babylonian Exile after 46 years.

The public reading/instruction in Torah, very limited.

The city wall had been rebuilt (52 days)

Ezra the Priest reads Torah (5-6 hours)

The Levites instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read.

Notice – It wasn't just, "*Here is God's Word. Go figure it out on your own.*"

Coming together in community in worship and study of God's Word has always been an important practice of the People of God. (Greater depth/guard against idolatry/wrestle means now)
(Book of Confessions)

Then they went and celebrated.

Something of great value (more precious than gold)
Something that greatly enhanced life (sweeter than honey)
Had been given back to them and they celebrated.

Do not mourn or weep. For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

(Convicted/Time would come to apply God's Word)

FINAL THOUGHTS Luke 4:14-21 p. 1,591

"The Fulfilling God's Word"

Jesus - Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.

To preach good news to the poor,
proclaim freedom for the prisoners,
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to release the oppressed/proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Sermon Notes 01-26-2025

Psalm 19:7-11 p. 858

"The Benefits of God's Word"

All of January we have been reminded of the benefits
of regular exercise and a healthy diet.

Lower weight, LDL cholesterol, blood pressure (Heart Health)

Keeping our sugar levels in check.

Keeping our balance and strength as we age.

Just over all healthier.

"If you have your health, you have everything."

The Psalmist talks the benefits of God's Word.

Revives the soul, and brings joy to the heart.

Gives light to the eyes (see more clearly)

Gives wisdom; Serving both as warning and reward

Therefore, they are more precious than gold.

They are sweeter than honey.

A steady diet of God's Word/Regular Exercise/Application

FURTHER THOUGHTS Nehemiah 8:1-12 p.761

"The Blessing of God's Word"

Ethnologue 7,164 languages in the world.

40% are endangered (1,000 speakers or less)

The 20 largest languages are the native tongue of more than 3.6

billion people total. (Nearly half of the world's population!)

(1-4) English (1.5 billion), Mandarin Chinese, Hindi, Spanish,

(17-20) Telugu, Turkish, Hausa, Tamil (86.7 million)

www.ethnologue.com/

Wycliffe Global Alliance

Complete Bible 756 languages.

New Testament an additional 1,726 languages.

Portions of Scripture: Translated into 1,274 other languages.

Still about 2,000 languages without any

Approximately 170 million people

www.wycliffe.net/resources/statistics/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

*Prayerfully, openly engage in relationships
through Christ's love."*

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The Church Office will be closed January 30-31, and February 3-6. On these days you will need a key to access the church and to unset and then reset the alarm when leaving the building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2nd after 10:15 worship.

"Jesus Loves You" Covered Dish Dinner. Bring a covered dish or two and your table service and enjoy *"warm"* fellowship. Drinks provided.

Meals on Wheels (MOW) information/opportunity

The Newville MOW is provided to Big Spring School district residents, most of who are seniors, who reside within 7 miles of the borough of Newville. The program is facilitated by Rausa Roscinski and Sherri Webber-Mains, as a ministry of the Big Spring Inter-Church Council.

Each client pays \$3.50 daily for a hot meal and an additional \$1 for an optional cold Supper meal consisting of a sandwich, milk, and fruit. Meals are prepared by Green Ridge Village and delivered Monday-Friday.

MOW is "staffed" by a host of volunteers. Currently we have 25 clients receiving meals. There are 3 routes with each headed up by a Scheduler who coordinates the days for each driver according to their availability. The backbone of our organization are our drivers who volunteer to deliver meals to all our clients without mileage reimbursement.

If you'd like to find out more about the program and are possibly interested in volunteering as a driver, please talk with Sherri, Rausa OR Pastor Vern, Bob Kovanic, Jill Davis, Mike and Elaine Fry, or Jody Kann about their experience as drivers.

If you're interested in helping support MOW, please send your donation by check to:

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