

Bethel 10-25-20  
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***BRICK by BRICK***  
***Renew, Repent, Revive***  
***Nehemiah 7-8***

**I. Who's Who of Israel (7:1-5)**

**II. Reading at the Water Gate (8:1-8)**

**III. Revival and Celebration at the Water Gate (8:9-18)**

**Conclusion:**

Luke 7:36 ff and the story of the woman known as a sinner. Her repentance and love overflowed as she showed her love for Jesus, regardless of what anyone thought.

***Vs 7:44***

She knew what sin had done to her, and her relationship with the Son of God. Her brokenness and response to sin show what she thought of Jesus, and how her love overflowed for him. Do we respond the same way in our response to sin, and how do we respond to God's Word in our life?

**Questions to consider:**

- How do I respond to sin in my life? How do I respond to sin in someone else's life?
- How much does the Word of God mean to me? Does the time I spend in God's Word show how important it is to me?

**Connection Group Questions:**

Getting to know me questions:

- 1) What do you know about your genealogy? Does it mean anything to you? Why or why not?
- 2) What part of chapter 7 sticks out to you? Why? Does the genealogy of Israel tell you anything about God?
- 3) What does it mean that Hanani was more faithful and God fearing than most? What would that look like today?
- 4) What helped Nehemiah not cave in to the intimidation of Sanballat and Tobiah? What can we learn from this for our own lives and our church?
- 5) What does it mean to show reverence for God's Word? What do you think of standing to read God's Word in church? Do we worship a book, or do we worship the God of the book?
- 6) Do you have a tendency to interpret your life through the lens of the Bible or the Bible through the lens of your life? What is the difference?
- 7) Spend some time praying for our response to God's Word, and for Bethel Church to be a church that responds to God's Word.