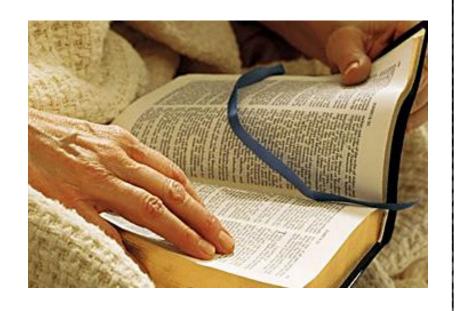
"So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God"



How do those who are spiritually sound deal with the Word of God?



☐ They are eager to know and understand it through the right channels:

"Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded Israel"



Nehemiah 8:1-2

## ☐ They do not mind spending learning from it at length:

"Then he read from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday"

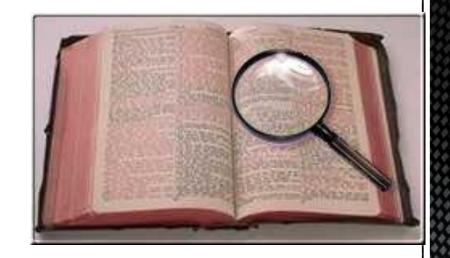
Nehemiah 8:3



☐ They are attentive to every word and heed every command:

"...and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law"

Nehemiah 8:3



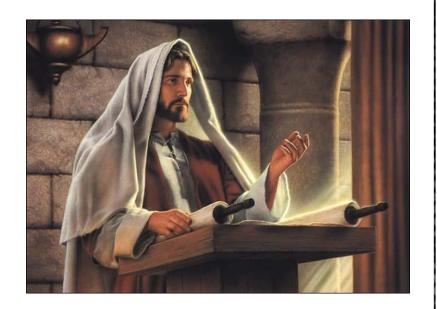
☐ The Word of God is received among them with all due reverence:

"Then all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen!' while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground" Nehemiah 8:6



## ☐ The Word of God for them is authoritative:

"And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up" Nehemiah 8:5



□ The authority of the Word of God is demonstrated by the submission of the elders among them to it:

"So Ezra the scribe stood on a platform of wood which they had made for the purpose; and beside him, at his right hand, stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Urijah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah; and at his left hand Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam"

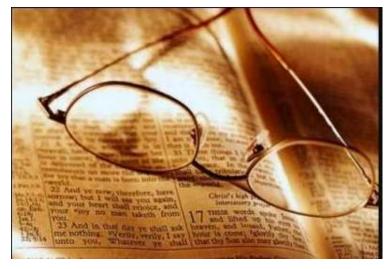


Nehemiah 8:4

☐ They measure themselves with it leading them to be sorrowful:

"For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the

Law" Nehemiah 8:9



☐ The Word of God pierces their hearts and moves them to change:

"Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Acts 2:37

